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Office Lackawanna & Western
R.R. Co. Scranton Wyoming Co. Pa.

Three Months after date please pay to the order of J. J. Diamond Esq. Three Thousand One Hundred and twenty three Dollars for value received, and charge as advised &c

Very Respectfully yours &c

Thomas Sanger Esq.
Sec. Lack. R.R. Co.
New York City

Geo M. Scranton Gen'l Agt

Scranton Pa
Dec 5th

Enclosed herewith is a statement of coal transported on N.Y. & E.R.R. which then 3122.11 due from Co. which we hope receipt thereof. Kindly correct, also please forward draft for the amt. I regret the delay which has occurred in the settlement, made very promptly. I have been obliged by illness, which is the principal cause of the delay.

Very Resp. Yours &c

Geo M. Scranton Gen'l Agt

Office Sect.y Western R.R. Co.
Scranton. Mar. 19th 1852

Messrs Tracy & Charles
Hartford Ct.

Gent.

I returned last week after an absence of 24 days in Western N.Y. & find your favour of the 2d & 12 inst. Expecting to go to New York in a few days I hop to learn the decision of S.B. Coal Co. relative I can confer with our board. My own opinion is that our Company will think we can get along with out them, if so we s.d be willing to take back Iron as you may have in hand purchased for their Cars. I may be of opinion that you had best secure leather in hand but that s.d not interfere with other Cars. Your prices are much higher than the Cars cost us here, & then we can be free to buy any thing that we can profitably do without. Now you: the trouble & expense of getting the Cars for Pittsburgh is also quite an item. I hope we shall be able to trade for the Baggage Passenger Cars allowed us, and we may stand some fut. Cars also! I will write you further from New York! Enclosed please find Scranton & Waller Note Mar. 19. 4 mo. for $1132.00 on acc.t of Coal Cars, which we shall desire to have renew.d for 4 mo. at the maturity, as suggested in your letter.

Hoping this may be satisfactory
I am very Truly Yours &c

M. Scranton Sec.y &c

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Office Supt. Middlesex R. R.
Stoneham Dec. 19th 1852

Hon
A. H. Miller
Post Master Gen.

Sir

I have just returned from Portland and find your valued favors of the 6th & 13th inst. which I regret have been so long unanswered. I feel under renewed obligations to you for your attention to the mail matter.

And in reply beg to say that the price of 30 cts per mile will not compensate our Company for the service. I do not consider it any importance to our interests to have it done at 50 cts per mile. for the following reasons, we now run to meet the mail train on the Boston & Maine Rail road which passes Mystic Bridge going East at 11.00 AM, going West at 6.13 P.M. so that our passenger train now leaves at the Bridge 7 minutes sooner in a few weeks, the Express trains will be put on the Boston R.R. for the season. these trains will pass the Bridge going West at 2 P.M. & going East at 2.30 PM, so that we can get our passenger train at 2 P.M. & to Middleborough at 6½ PM, or 2 hours before dark, & give us our back at Mid day, & we leave town with the train. now if we take the Mail we must arrange our train to run to & from the Mail train on the B. & M. as soon as we can & can be I am shown how all others developed at 30 cts per mile it will not pay us but I am willing to be inconvenienced to some extent to please the public. considerable complaint on me being made all among the towns, the country generally that the Mail is not put on Mend. in my opinion this matter will turn out to be of no importance to the P.O. Department than they are now aware

the Bay Shore from you that we have a good road
one of the best Harbours of the Province and the best
Equal in the U.S. I mention this [illegible] that it may
be disposed of as the Terms suit the Coal Company, it are
probably a Chief Office. The Road is a part of
a great line soon to be completed, leading from
Phila. via Trenton, Belvidere, Delaware, Pa. & Saran
thence to W. Bend Binghamton, Ithaca, & Canandaigua
Lake Ontario. which make a saving & passage from
Canada, the Lake, & Western N.Y. & bound South to Phila.
Baltimore Washington &c. of 130 Ms. over going via
New York City the only way now open for the Mail
when this is completed it will make an important
Mail route.

I expect to go to New York next week, and
write Genl. Smith with our board relative to the mail Contract, &
will provide I may pay you a flying visit, before I return.

I rec. a letter dated the 5th inst. from Mr. [illegible]
Brown saying that the P.M. General has [illegible] a Contract &
Made with the L.V.R.R.Co. to Convey the Mail, &c.
Allen we be [illegible] you a letter on the subject & say that
while we feel obliged to the Superintendent for what they have
performed, & that the papers are more as they ought perhaps
may. that I feel obliged to exercise the prerogative of
Reason, power &c. &c. for you.

Journal of Commerce [illegible] Friend & Fellow-passenger, [illegible]
to the Mass Delaware for the past three years on road & other
[illegible] as far as heard, & allowed me might with the
the whole. Hoping & trusting that for with Union & [illegible]
about the Destiny of Company to which [illegible] Col. R. [illegible] & [illegible]
Centuring. I am [illegible] yours &c. Geo. H. Rossiter.

Office Lord Mulgrave R.N. C.B.
Gosport the 30th of 1852

Sidney Parker Esq
Sir

I have received of the 6th inst. the of Cabes date enclosing copy of Contract, and the letter another other letters referred to and I am happy in getting more than I expected to be able I left you. I was pleased to learn of your success in getting Boats & in reference to the proposition to supply some Coal for the Boats you mention I do not see any reason if you intend Boats can be had to take the Coal from Sthance so that no delay or damage will be caused to the Co. or to me I will recommend that you make the Boats provide & leave an account for Capt Edwards (by 4 pc) for use of Serv.ts Cmds & Sol.s. The Coal will then prove a great accommodation, being one that has not been lately offering & is superior to any Coal they ever saw.

We can get all the Coal to Sthance that we needed from the Seam for I shall be pleased & I am sure Boats will gain in other use of your Coal

I have sent Capt Edwards of the to superintend & supply him with Blankets &c. &c. &c. I am sorry to hear of the illness of your Mother & hope she will be better before you get home. I will be delighted to see you & get rid of such a troublesome & annoying thing as a Contract. I am sorry for you.

Yours truly

Mulgrave

Albany N.Y. Mar 23rd 1842

M. Sherwood Esq
Binghamton N.Y.

Dear Sir

I believe I have written you
twice on this place last week & the mine Cutter is
w. We are anxious to have some excavation and
dwelling done at the wharf for the more convenient transhipment of coal at M. Kenny, that he has always
manifested a willing feeling & disposition towards our enterprise, & I know, recently, that you are in a position where you can have influence with the proper parties to whom
such matters are entrusted. I take the liberty to ask
if you will have the goodness to speak a few words for us in this matter? the chief effort is that a temporary wharf of two plans B. this year & it will answer to carry
from this place. I cannot feel it be of importance to
Lowell interest & the State, as well as your Place

Any thing you may do for us in this way is said of this
proposed improvement, will be thankfully acknowledged by Respectfully yours truly

Thos Cole

M. Sherwood

We have an object at M. Kenny's place ... W? Take a new
... & the ... to Mr Kenny & the contractor, who will
likely have a chance of the transport this year. I
hope, & hope you confer with them.

S. A. Hoff
St Louis

Office Lackawanna & Western R.R.
Scranton Pa. Nov. 1st 1852

Dear Sir

Your bal. share of the 30 tons reached safely per stage the day before yesterday. I embrace the first opportunity to answer your enquiry. Our Coal is an excellent article in my opinion superior to the larger part of the Coal used in the West & Canada by Rivers. We have had great prejudice but fast giving way. Foolish Russians the founding men, they being under the impression that nothing but Lehigh Coal will answer well for Melt Iron. Wherever our Coal has been used among the first-rate in the State of New York, it has given great satisfaction, and it will be very generally used by the founding men the coming season.

The writer has not the slight apprehension in the use of Anthracite Coal. For 20 thousand of tons of Lehigh, Wapello, Green Meadow, Black Mountain &c. &c. at New York in New Jersey, we have been in the place for 12 years, largely interested in the Mining & Manufacturing of iron. The Company have one iron Furnace, but for reasons to the large proportion of their business arising thereof is a large furnace which burns out from 1200 tons of Carbonate yearly. We are delighted on Coal Street of a better it to be the best and the cheapest used. The prices given by Parker are very low. Many of our Stockholders have for the year & gain no very profit. We hope you will find it to your interest to purchase of Mr Parker.

on Sprd at Buffalo. and have no doubt but that you will secure a large trade ultimately.

Yours Respectfully

W. W. Scranton Jr Agt

Scranton Mar 22 1852

C & J McKinney Esq
Binghamton N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 18th is received & has interested. I have just written to Mr Rhodes since my return home my hands have been so full that I did not touch that matter before.

I expect to go to N.Y. on Wednesday & shall hope to so arrange matters that will insure an immediate move of that fine stream. unless anything is favorable to this, I will write to you from N.Y. therefore if you do not hear from me you may feel at ease.

Notice Mr Dickson's remarks he reasons well. I am rather to learn that he thinks the field is large enough for you all. If Mr Sockwell comes here to night or tomorrow night he will be in time to see another man I think of that lot. the man I am doubtful that it will be of but little value to us after we get the Eire ground occupied as proposed.

Yours very respectfully

W. W. Scranton

W. W. Scranton

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Scranton Mar 2

Mr Phelps Esq

Dear Sir

The Union has spoken for itself. What course is taken? We don't think it will be wise for it to appear in the public print.

Mr Fox has left the money for a rough statement of facts due the Pres for right of way day after to-morrow. Sixty $10,000 bill carry on the above 1st M and what is on hand. Immediate R R C.

Yours truly
Mary Ann
J. C. Scranton

Recd Reg

Office L & W R R Co
Scranton Pa. March 24th 1852

Sir Twenty days after date please pay to the order of James Mutherland Esq. One Thousand Dollars for value rec'd and charge as advised to Reg Rept. Gen'l &c

Geo. W. Scranton Gen'l Agt

Mr. Alex. Sprague Esq.
Treas. L & W R R Co.
New York City

New. 24. 1852

Mr Mutherland Esq.
Dear Sir.

Above please find draft on A. Sprague Esq. for $1000. which together with the $4 mis of which when det on Mond. will be in full for the Patent Springs we need here. a deed which we have allowed from the Cofey deed by you. I hope it will meet your views, we have deed some of our lands on the Chenango R.R. & also on the Cleveland & Pitts R.R. & shall wish to deed them on the Lackawanna Valley & other branches of the Erie rail road as prospects at this time seems will be always small. but we want the privilege to deed our lands to the Company that intend to do so, you deed we prohibit us from so doing. altho I know you do not object to have us do so. we do not ask, wish or expect to

[illegible] to other Companies, may expect to
[illegible] prop. of the [illegible] is, we are [illegible]
from [illegible] all [illegible] or any thing [illegible] the Cor
[illegible] of our Company' which we think [illegible]
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of [illegible] [illegible] to be seen by other Companies [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of which we [illegible]

I will see that the Box from Oxford is forwarded
to Phil.a at the earliest moment, & address you of the
shipment. The quality is the same as our deal to
Mr Patterson, 2 yrs age, first sort & ship with
rich grey [illegible] for wheels &c. It is usually kept
in the grounds. Chills very small & mixed with some
Wind. You got will answer your & yours purpose.
Hoping that we shall be mutually benefited by the
trade, & that I may soon [illegible] it in my power to send
you further with you [illegible], being in other
improvement

I am Truly Yours &c

[illegible] Thomson Yorkey

Scranton Pa. April 6 1852

Messrs Lathrop Myers & Co

Gentlemen

Your favour of 26th last mo. is duly rec.d; Col Scranton has been from home & Colon Scranton is unwell & confined to his room which trust will be sufficient apology for not replying any sooner. When the Col. returns home is no doubt he will write you & make some satisfactory arrangement with you for the sale of their Coal

Yours respectfully &c

Jos. L. Illing

for G. W. Scranton Gen.l Agt

Lack.a & W. R. R. Co

Office L. M. R. R. Co
Scranton. April 12th 1852

Maj. Rogers Ketchum & Grosvenor
Paterson N.J.

Gent.

It is the wish of several of our Gentlemen to have you see Owners. line on the Lace. — Motions now building & on the Contract. they are considered by most persons that I have conversed with (who have had experience) as being better than the Engine tried. And as we want the best vehicle the most effective. we are therefore desirous to have some of our Owners lines on our Road that we may be able to compare them with others. Your attention to this matter will be duly appreciated

Most Resp. Yours &c

Geo. M. Scranton Gen'l Ag.

Office L & W R R Co
Scranton Pa. April 13th 1883

Mr D. W. Barton
Rochester N.Y.

Dear Sir.

On my return from New York & Washington I find your valued favor of the 30th ult. which I regret Mr Hunt remained so long unanswered. I have noticed your letter with interest, and in reply would say that it would gratify us to have you use our Coal. The price at which our Company have proposed to sell the best lump Coal delivered on cars at Ithaca, is $3.75 per ton of 2000 lbs. We made a contract with Mr Hunt for a large amt. at a less price. I presume Mr Hunt will shortly tell you the price he pays us, but I do not feel at liberty now to do so, as contract has expired. Mr Hunt is also acting as our Agent for the Sale of Coal, & it appears to me that an arrangement can be made thro. him to satisfy you in satisfactory terms! If Mr Hunt you would like our Coal or bring you you will find more than inclined to look to us for your supply. The price now is very small, to be our customer [illegible] you, but we shall be able next year to sell cheaper! Coal will [illegible] Mr [illegible] than last, but next year it will be materially advanced. Everything connected with the business is tending that way. I would be pleased to have you make an arrangement thro Mr Hunt for whatever Coal you may want. We have made no contract at less

than 3/5. to expt when the cont. crowds
[illegible] or more.

Most Resp.
Yrs. [illegible]
[illegible]

Office P M R R Co
Scranton April 13 1852

Jason Parker Esq
Buffalo. N.Y.

Dr Sir.

Your valt favor of the 26th ult. reached this place in my absence to Washington. Upon my return I noticed its contents with interest. I am glad to learn that Capt Ellsworth is getting the flower mill in Buffalo so far from [illegible] hence with our own work. Had you not better see the Engineer that Parker or myself & Crane for the sake this matter? & see for the, an [illegible] flower. Give good terms & Blown with assurance for the best.

The R & Bender Co will want at least 340 f the lower for the 1st 60 days & then [illegible] & in July 129 more. I perceive from our fr. has been to Capt E. & we [illegible] offer to pay his a little preference, but I do not much like any [illegible] for boat & lumber. The price is now [illegible] by law. I notice what you are doing, in the way of lots. Our Co are pleased to hear of it. I hope you will succeed in getting boat. How soon will Capt Ellsworth think he [illegible] & [illegible] travelled with his head for [illegible] & [illegible] he thinks [illegible] with one in [illegible]? I have a good foreman who I go out to [illegible] he wanted? If [illegible] he [illegible] [illegible] boats for [illegible] & in Zorns [illegible] Com. at the commencement of the hostility season. I think we can do [illegible] & the little 25000 bal [illegible] & which [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]

Yr W Scranton Jun

Scranton Pa. April 13th 1852

Horatio Ames Esq
New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 6th came to hand this morn. Mr Phelps on Sat. I have just written to Mess R. K. & A. requesting them to send you tires on the Scranton, now under contract for us. They are building 4, & should the first Steamboat has just been one. We have no other new under contract but we shall want tires for them that are wearing out. Please send us your prices & terms.

I left with Mr Wm C. Dodge (Phila Dock St) last week, a drawing of 2 Standard Shaft for one of our Steam Boats on Cayuga Lake. Those now in use are Cast Iron. We have broken 4 shafts in 2 years in the boat. They are 11 ft long dia. 8 inches & Mr Dodge was to enquire what he could get that shaft for: perhaps you see Mr D. & persuade to make them. They must be A. No. 1. & cheap as we cannot afford to buy last shafts. Mr D. has the drawing.

Must close for the

Wm H. Scranton Gen Agt
for L. W. R. R. Co.

Scranton April 13 1852

Burnett Hart Esq

Dear Sir.

Your Vald letter of the 6th inst I found on my return from Northampton, & have read it with more than usual interest. The course you are pursuing will triumph over all opposition, and prejudice! I cannot now answer your letter as fully as I wd like. I have just written to Mr Barton, as you suggested. Not you are coming on next April, & then I shall be pleased to have him get his supply thro you! I will try to get a copy of the letter the Carson in the Mining with them, which will show you how the matter stands. I hope you will keep him, & not let him go off to Detroit &c. I do not know what to say in relation to the Rochester matter, but I know our Directors will be unwilling to sell any coal at a less price than they, the group for you, if we please or if you can manage to have Rochester supplied from us. I wish you to do all you may be able for us thro' you. I met Mr Evans the Pres. of the Penn's Coal Co. at this Office last week & spent an hour with him. He talked freely he told me they had of stocking of 340 feet 100 down & then advance of only left month of the day next year coal will be clear up, & he is right, everything is tending that way, which I cd explain to you if I had time! I have been expecting Mr Stiles to return the effect of the treaty you have had at the foundry. They are inclined to open into favour & adopt

[illegible]

Your letter to Mr Sherwood ordering 90 tons of Coal did not reach him, & he knew nothing of your wants until last evening. When he sent the Coal it is at Buffalo now! & I hope it will go forward without delay! & be sold before any Canal comes by Canal. I am very hurtedly & truly

Yours &c

Geo. H. Scranton Gen'l Agt

Office L & W R R Co
Scranton. April 14 1852

Mess Bachnell & Meeker
Utica N.Y.

Gent:

We shall be pleased to sell you your supply of Coal the Coming Season.

Our price set on board at Binghamton for Lump Coal is 2.90 on a Contract of 5000 tons 25c per ton will be deducted. Making it $2.65 per ton of 2000 lbs for prepared Coal an Extra Charge will be made of about 1 to 1½ per cent for the cost not however to Exceed 25c per ton. We are now putting up a powerful Crushing Machine. Screen &c &c. which will perform 500 tons per Day. Screen. Costs.

This Coal is from a different mine from that Sent to Pa last fall, it will work as well and as satisfactory in a Cupola as Anthracite. it is darker of more the Color of Lump that we know of.

We shall be pleased to hear from you & in the Meantime.

Am
Most Respy
Your obt Svt
[illegible]

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[illegible]

Office [illegible] Mining Co
Scranton, [illegible] 1873

Mr. J. H. Barber
[illegible]
N.Y.

Dear Sir

Yours of the [illegible] inst. reached me here in my absence. I have ordered the Contract to day "in safety and say" that I shall be happy to hear from you with the Coal. The price fixed by our directors is $3.75 per ton 2000 lbs at Bins at Office. When Contract of 5000 is received from you I will make a most reasonable [illegible] for the [illegible] I have been urging to see Mr Albright at Syracuse or Mr Opel for the sale of Coal, provided we could not find parties who [illegible] of us [illegible] on them on ship. We do not intend to have Coal two days. We shall not if we can help it. Mr Albright will be in Syracuse next week. Then I shall be pleased to hear from you most kindly. I expect to be there in a few weeks, when I shall be happy to see you. Meanwhile write me frankly about the Coal trade.

The price $3.75 is for Wheats Coal. Furnace Coal will cost a little more. We are now getting machinery for preparing Coals. [illegible]

Truly & Yours

[illegible]

[illegible]

Office Lach.n & Newcastle R.R. Co
Newcastle [illegible]

Alfred Walker Esqre
Solicitor &c.

Sir

Since the 22nd ult. I have had my Clerk from the [illegible] in Derby with a view to ascertain whether you could supply us with a quantity of our best Steam Coal, and he has now informed me that you have entered into a contract for the supply of Coal to the Birmingham Rly. Co. at 2s 9d per ton of 20 cwts. delivered at their office in Birmingham within 20 days. The Coal is expected to give the most satisfactory results.

In case Derby you have a second or inferior Coal, that I may be able to supply it at a lower price than I may be able to furnish the first mentioned Coal.

The arrangement for shipping coal at Birmingham is very good. Can load a vessel in 30 or 40 minutes. [illegible] Derby & Sheffield for Coal.

Must trouble you to let me hear

[illegible]

Scranton April 14. 1852

David Reese Esq.
National Hotel
Washington City D.C.

Dear Sir

Your valued favor of the 8th inst has been received with interest.

I should be pleased to meet you & other friends in consultation at Washington, should circumstances to do so, be arranged for the 1st of our friends to have seen Kane & Judge Grier as we are fearful of it unfavorable. Our Mr. C. J. M. has been confined to his room with severe indisposition & is only just getting out.

Our Coal trade on the Delaware & Hudson is fast opening & encouraging for the season. & the accompanied & detailed of the transports the Revolution on rail. So that we have only one lift here to look after, the one for Mr. Platt. (friend of Judge Grier) has been confined to his room by sickness for some time past.

Judge Grier & Genl. Cass. are directly in the road. Mr. Platt gets positively good & fast. or can be got in if necessary. I am in the Wyoming. he expects to be home in a few days. I will see the Judge & Genl. Cass. & will inform you of our plan. Should it be so I shall be at Washington about the 20th.

Communicate with Mr. Dodge, also, to know if he may be expected. the morning of the 1st. Meet for the Ch. & the Ch. [illegible]

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believed the matter was Corrected, and would not be
[illegible] to raise this question in him [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] & all the [illegible]

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also made an [illegible] & [illegible]

We shall be pleased to receive from you, & as I P.
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for too much.
which [illegible] ought to be done Immediately [illegible] anything [illegible] be
an improvement, & we must go when the Principal
Not made known will be thankfully rec[illegible]

Mad[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Office of the E. & [illegible]
[illegible] 1[illegible]

Chief [illegible] Engr
Sub. N.A. & E.R.R.
New York Cty.

Sir

[illegible]

The Enclosed last fall. I gather with a copy of the Forwarding letter which [illegible] the matter as it now stands. The Calculations are [illegible] them. Some depot [illegible] Iron, the Sole Bar lot from 50 to, as, [illegible] Bangs at £11.40 p. ton. Iron 12 for our Calculations from [illegible] fall, & very by the good quality, which was [illegible] best Iron for our new roads, but it was less of the track & very much worse [illegible] the Bar lot [illegible] at Orch at £20. p. ton, after getting all the facts, I Concluded not £16. [illegible] as the Cost of the Lumber & the Mach. [illegible] I, however, as he made Cash on [illegible] of our fr. [illegible] I believe it right, & if you [illegible] you [illegible] Obliged as my Reality it is the [illegible] of having Decided! The Lumber [illegible] depot [illegible] Iron, Mach. are Contract for the Coal and the Lumber!

Very Resp.ly Yours &c

Geo. W. [illegible]

[illegible] & Co
[illegible] 1852

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[illegible] reply in few lines of the
18th. I [illegible] by this [illegible] in [illegible]
of [illegible] to take charge of [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] on hand a [illegible] [illegible] & I have
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[illegible] the Pr. [illegible] remain [illegible] I will [illegible]
[illegible] you on the subject
by [illegible] post

[illegible] Esq

Chatham Pa. April 17. 1852

Mr Walter Schlenger
Meadville Pa.

Sir

Your fav. of yesterday was
first which reached this place during my absence
I have noticed the contents. & in reply beg to
say that we have not anything in the way of
a situation to offer you at this time. we have
more help now than we can profitably employ &
have constant application. to some of whom we
have given encouragement when our wants will
warrant an increased out of help.

As we purpose to build two Kitchen stoves on
the Lower floor in No. the wrench at each will be light
but we shall be obliged to employ a man at each at
a handsome salary, say $250 per year. we have had
several applications for these places but I believe we
have made no allegations to any one. If you No. be
inclined to take one of them for a year with a positive
of getting increased pay for a 2d year. (when you will also
be better prepared & able to attend to some thing more important
we would arrange to give the best place of the two)
for present my best respects to your Father
I am much pleased with you &c

Yours
W. H. Stevenson. Foreman
for L. & W. R. R. Co.

[illegible]

Stockton April 15th 1792

Dr Sir

Yours of the 12th is just noticed
and in reply I say to you, that I am unwilling to
leave home for a time for Mr Cummings, that
I have been asking Application for an inspector under the
provisions in Electing a Physician for the Marine
I am unwilling to believe that the Gentlemen
of Character among us are indifferent to
welcome such Strangers, or that the Honors are so Rare
I feel indebted to you for the information and
Cautioning against an unequal Contest.
Altho the C. P. Office seeming I felt it is an insufficient
Salary Medical Attendance on the Lame, and
I fear the appointments of Gov. Sullivan, Thos
Cushing & Jno Hancock are so much engaged
that I shall under existing Circumstances, I id prefer to
[illegible] fair & honorable Competition
in your State, many thanks for your Care for my Welfare, you
[illegible] I have not been a Correspondent
[illegible] for your Letter except
I am with Respect Yours &c

Wm. Scranton

Boston April 19 1836

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[illegible]

Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

I offer my thanks for your kindness in [illegible] of the Decision of the Director [illegible] I [illegible] that [illegible] may be [illegible] for [illegible]

Yours Very Truly

[illegible]

Office Lack.a & Western R.R. Co.
Scranton April 14. 1852

Mr. A. S. Reynolds
Pittsburgh Pa.

Dear Sir

[illegible] Prices of the [illegible]
[illegible] enclosed
[illegible] Coal. [illegible]
[illegible] to supply you with Coal
[illegible] the Engineering Works' Our price is $3.75
per ton (2000 lbs) del.d on board of Boats at our
Schute at Ithaca for our best Lump Coal.
Steam Coal. We have made no contract of
late for some time but shall [illegible] reach 7000 tons
[illegible] We shall have [illegible]
egg size &c. by July, which will cost from 20 to 25¢
higher. Both can be loaded without delay, & will be
[illegible] the [illegible] promptly, for $5. to any
The Coal is excellent, will give perfect
satisfaction, is as good as anthracite for foundry
purposes & costs much less. It is used by 15 or 20
[illegible] now in [illegible] Yorkshire & is considered
fully equal to Lehigh for this purpose & better for
many others. [illegible] hear from
you at your early convenience, & hope you will
find us fair [illegible]

Very Respy Your [illegible]

Lack.a & Western Coal Co.

Scranton April 16 1852

Wm M. Hollenback Esq
Dear Sir

My Opinion is that it would accommodate Mr Phelps, to have you hold the Bonds one Year another Year. & I will hand you a draft for the interest. unless you would prefer to let me pay you in the Lackw. & Western R.R. Bonds a Sample of which I once sent you. I will pay the cash proceeds & by giving you 3 of the Bonds. at $950, la & the accrued interest since 1st Jan. which amts. now to near 2 p Cent. these are 7 per Cent. Semi Annually: I wd prefer them (with 7 per Cent interest) to any Bond & Mortgage security in the Country. If you will take the 3 Bonds I will pay the Bal. by proceeds & Int. by sight draft on N.Y.

I will if you choose enter into a agreement with you to buy these Bonds of you (if you do take them) at any time within 3 years at 99. please let me hear from you.

The Interest on the Bonds is Payl 1st July & 1st Jan.

Very Truly
Your Obt Svt
Wm M. Scranton

Charleston March 16 1775

My Mr. Middleton's Life
from 16 to 20

From Pinckney is that of
Governor Mr. Middleton & Thomas Jun. Esq. the Gentlemen
Charge Lee & the Speaker. I wish have you
a Copy for the Historical Society. Surely you would find
it by the time from you in the Colonies & Revolution of South
Carolina. I have done what you I wish from
the Last Provincial Congress & Pinckney you & Thomas
Jun. Esq. Lee & the Speaker. I wrote Mr. Middleton
Governor. Mr. Pinckney, to a Mr. Cross Mr. Middleton Governor
Lee Lee. Mr. Middleton Gentlemen Mr. Pinckney & Mr. Lee
Mr. Lee Gentlemen. Mr. Middleton Gentlemen: I to Mr. Lee Thomas (with
Mr. Lee Mr. Middleton) & Mr. Pinckney Mr. Middleton Governor in the
Gentlemen. If you wish to the Mr. Pinckney I wish from
the Trial. Mr. Provincial Congress. I shall not to Mr.
I wish if you Gentlemen wish me Congress with you to
Mr. Thomas Pinckney if you Mr. Lee Mr. Thomas) at my Lee
Mr. Middleton & Pinckney at Mr. Mr. Lee Mr. Pinckney
the Mr. Lee in the Pinckney in Mr. Middleton & Mr. Lee.

Yours truly
Mr. Mr. Mr.

Mr. Middleton

Milwaukee Aug. 16 1852

[illegible]

[illegible]

The lowest price I could [illegible] for the 9 lots [illegible] at $2.00. [illegible] the same evening I offered [illegible] at $2.00 [illegible] offered 3 or 4 lots at $1.75. [illegible] "[illegible] from a [illegible] in Philadelphia" [illegible] the same 2 at $1.75 & any other parties not [illegible]

Hoping this will be satisfactory

I am very Respt. Yours &c

[illegible]

[illegible] 17 [illegible] 185[illegible] 38

Wm T. Baker Co

Dr

[illegible]

[illegible] is just [illegible] [illegible] to meet [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] contained fully [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] iron, I have also [illegible] there [illegible] to have the Coal carefully [illegible] [illegible]

& know a day or two ahead of the arrival of the first boat at [illegible] I want the first Coal to surpass any Coal in appearance that been landed in Buffalo.

If you can find time [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] me [illegible] more. I have no doubt you can get a good many boats in that section to take up a load of Coal. I think you can get a good deal & be safe for a few weeks until after the first great rush is over. We can load all you can get to Ithaca we have near 16,000 tons there now & I will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the Canal. I think they can be loaded [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] for 1000 tons Coal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 5000 [illegible] he says he has been buying in Coal with [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] 2, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]

Truly your friend

[illegible]

Office L. H. R. R. Co
Scranton April 19. 1852

J. Mattingham Esq
[illegible]

Dear Sir

The Orders for the 27 Cent Coal reached this place last week in my absence. I have first notice the contents when the [illegible] will [illegible] enable to say if new arrangements will [illegible] not hear from us.

[illegible] Our price at Macon or Boat free is 3.75 per ton 2000 lb per [illegible] Coal. Our Agent Samuel Cole of Mobile has instructions to sell it at [illegible] $3.50 [illegible] to get the Coal [illegible] it will not result higher to take it [illegible] to D. he will deliver the Coal at Mobile on the Cui Bono (away from to run down to the mines) for 3.50 per ton.

Make any arrangement with Mr Cole that you think [illegible] so that you can do better than [illegible] all the better.

The Coal is excellent & will give you [illegible] satisfaction. Hoping for your [illegible]

[illegible]

I. M. Scranton Esq

Offices Little Rock
on Pa Oct 19th 1852

Dear Brother

My dear Sir

Your kindly rec'd letter of the 13th ult is before me with great satisfaction. I am very glad to be so fortunately, but I am not surprised. I knew you would succeed in any thing you undertook with a decent chance! I have but few letters received in N.Y. Please send me a copy occasionally! Your order has been acted for in amount of $1500 — & I hope you will get the other 1000 through Mr & Mrs 1000.

I have just heard via Utica that the R & W. Co. have fixed prices at Rondout at 375 p ton & 385 p gross! If this is true all is right & the Country is safe! Our folks in New York will be very much disappointed.

What will you do? Our Party is certain that they need to get their men & land.

Things do not look favorable & settled in the Southern Legislature. The Whigs & Abolitionists are not satisfied with the measures that Democrats go for.

We may see hard times before fall!

I suppose you will see Mr Buxton. You will see in my letter to Henry Capt Hill.

I expect to be at Utica in a few weeks & then shall see you with more pleasure!

Truly yours &c

Jas Monroe Jr

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Office Lacka & Western R.R.
Scranton Pa. April 17th 1852

J. Churchill Esq
Globe Mills Ithaca [illegible]

Dr Sir

We shall have our large & powerfull Coal [illegible] & Crushing Machine running in abt. 60 days, after which we shall be making pea Coal, & I venture to say that it will be the best article of Pea Coal you ever saw at [illegible]. In the mean time we may be able to get one or two hundred tons Screened from Coal [illegible] Mined. We wish very much to supply the Mills at Ithaca & believe you can get your Coal from us at Binghamton [illegible] than from any other source. Our prices for [illegible] [illegible] Coal [illegible] on Board at Binghamton at 2.50 [illegible] [illegible] full weight. It can [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from B. to Ithaca for $1. per ton. I think [illegible] Co of Binghamton will contract to do it for [illegible] than. Your stock of [illegible] 3000 tons for all the Factories, [illegible] may not have so much [illegible] this year, but [illegible] at your [illegible] we will sell you 3000 of our best [illegible] or what Pea we can make, at 2.65 per ton [illegible] Cash [illegible] & we will guarantee it the best article ever used. We [illegible] all our Coal & [illegible] in [illegible] I suppose you [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to

[illegible]

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Office [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] April 19th 18[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Esq.

Dear Sir

[illegible] letter of the 1[illegible]
[illegible] copy of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
with the [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] for the
Coal. [illegible] of which I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible]
expecting to hear from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for a
few [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of
[illegible] [illegible] will remain [illegible] for a few days. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
will go to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
places. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in Correspondence. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

If the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 37[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I enclose the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Evangelical Men are here in the Land [illegible] Letter [illegible] Early Communion. I have written for some Man of their Principles. The Attempt [illegible] in the Town. The Parties [illegible] to stay until the Bishop will not Open till 1st May & then [illegible] Rev Joseph Ellis a Mr Boyd, Mr Phillips with [illegible] the good Ships. He is [illegible] a Lot of People that are [illegible] Mr Boyd [illegible] to Offices for Land, which they can do & get a [illegible]. [illegible] before they can get any [illegible] for [illegible] New South Wales [illegible] Lands [illegible] for Land [illegible] Revenue [illegible] I have written to the Friendly Society to Carry a Resolution day previous, viz. I have the Pleasure [illegible] the Letter [illegible] Provided, I have the Pleasure [illegible] the Revenue Bill [illegible] to Pass which may become a Perpetual Thing for [illegible] to go to Offices for Land [illegible] Parties being [illegible] a Little [illegible] Land [illegible] Revenue [illegible] 1st [illegible] Letter [illegible] Letters [illegible] Revenue [illegible] I [illegible] Council if Shipping [illegible] Favoring [illegible] Parties [illegible] Land [illegible] Before [illegible] Colony! I have [illegible] Mr Boyd [illegible] Letter [illegible] Mr Phillips [illegible] Clergy [illegible] Mr Ellis [illegible] Colony [illegible] Expense of [illegible] Hole!

We have [illegible] Rain [illegible] Road [illegible] but the Weather has been [illegible] Mr [illegible] Many [illegible] Pitch are Letting down [illegible] Rain [illegible] Roads [illegible] to Reach [illegible] Stores [illegible]

Locks & Sluices [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] done any little damage, we are now working with [illegible] [illegible] energy. with 300 men on each, & with good weather [illegible] to make important improvements [illegible].

The paper is getting, a good [illegible] at the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]; the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Original Estimate. I think we w^d take it at 4/3–

I am [illegible] of opinion [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] to put the Summit in a Contract at once, of [illegible]. [illegible] the work be advantageous, [illegible] [illegible] 16 & 17 Nos. to [illegible] the [illegible] from the [illegible], if a [illegible] is [illegible] in the middle [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] work in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would be divided. I forget [illegible] the amount of [illegible] in the [illegible] but I recollect the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 137, [illegible] [illegible] was after the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to a [illegible] Cut of 40, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] w^d be a good Man to [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & we could manage [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in 60 days. & if we did not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] just at the moment [illegible] could get along with [illegible] [illegible] whereas we might [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] trouble. I [illegible] [illegible] in my opinion [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] Cut at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]. & in this way we c^d [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 17 Nos. and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Shares of Stock [illegible] out of the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a meeting of the [illegible]. & discuss the [illegible] of [illegible] a sufficient [illegible] of Stock [illegible] [illegible]. To do this with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]. Each party gives his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] at 6 mos. and a further [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] to your [illegible] for [illegible] and the [illegible] many [illegible]
to Col [illegible] [illegible] at such sum as may be [illegible] upon
The [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] or [illegible] by the Pres.t of the [illegible]
in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] paid [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in my Opinion [illegible]
of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], of
[illegible] [illegible] Capt. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] difficulty in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as to pay [illegible] other
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I drew on Mr Sprague in favr W.C. [illegible] at 1300 &
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in favr [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] days
[illegible] 407.[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 10 days [illegible] $1400 for Coal.
I have drawn this day on account of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
packages of [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible].

Very Respectfully Yr Obt &c

[illegible] [illegible] My Obed.t
[illegible] [illegible] Serv.t

Office Lackawanna Co.
Scranton April 17th 1852

Dear Sir

Your fav. of the 7th inst. was
rec. & read this morn. & I reply by
return that our Co. [illegible] Lump Coal Dell. [illegible] Brown
for 3.75 p. ton of [illegible] & when a
Cl. rec. for 500 tons [illegible] 5c p. ton
u. a. deducted. net is 3.50 p. ton.

When I was at your place in Feb. I
mentioned this to Mr. Moorhead & stated that the
large Customers in your place wd. together make
up, say 500 tons & get the Coal at the
lower rate. Perhaps you will not oppose this
[illegible] Mr. Moor. & if you will see what can be
[illegible] & do not succeed in getting your orders to
[illegible] I will take the responsibility to say that
you shall have the advantage of the lower price
The Coal will be far better than that sent to
[illegible] last year. with your kind
[illegible] attention, we shall have your Coal to sell
in Feb.; how much or at what price I cannot
say [illegible]; it will cost us just as much to get it up
[illegible] & if the Coal is ready will [illegible]
by [illegible] it cannot be sold for much less than the

When the prices have recovered [illegible]
Coal, we have a large [illegible]
here at Ottawa; we [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible]
Coal will be higher this [illegible]
little higher next year; [illegible]
in a very stagnating [illegible]
next year. We may [illegible]
[illegible] get your [illegible].

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

P.S. I hope to see you in Ottawa [illegible]
in 10 or 12 days.

Office L. W. R. R. Co.
Scranton April 21. 1872

Benevolent Esq.
Utica N.Y.

Dear Sir

I have the 100 of your favor of the 18th inst. I expect to go to Utica on Saturday or Monday next, & must then a few days there & at Binghamton & at Syracuse, from Syracuse I will go to Utica, when I shall be pleased to see you & also Mssrs Bushnell & Soller. I hope they will be able to buy of us. They need have no fears about the quality. There will be no Coal in Utica, we never ship that will compare with the one we send you or give dissatisfaction to Customers. I think I know what I am about in this matter. We have Anthracite, from 20 feet in, in three veins, one bed is equal to Lehigh. We had two Boys from the prospector in favor of Lehigh Coal & the Company has sent long telegrams that our Coal is equal to Some Lehigh Coal & many they have sold. The Coal you have had faded on a fine sunny Coal, but Mother of Vinegar & several of other. That the Newspaper Men claim & the Boys [illegible] as indicated in the quality of the Coal. Coal is like [illegible] they have [illegible] to see to the different appearance here. The [illegible] name to you was low [illegible] my opinion is that it will be better for [illegible] to 30. for [illegible] average Coal the winter. Some day left I made the trip [illegible] in the subject of supplying here with Coal. After seeing that you are not probably prejudiced, wishing to see you, I know when we meet Coal [illegible] quality. [illegible]

[illegible]

Mess. A. M. Coll
Lyman N.Y.

Office J. & M. R. R. Co
Veranda Pa. April 28 1842

Gentlemen

Yours of the 15th is just
received. Owing to the multiplicity of matters on my hands
I had forgotten to inform the Boundary Holders to deliver
you 2 cords of coal, and if you have found you short
you will get the coal. I do not know whether the
[illegible] will be in time at the Mouth of the
Cove & Lyracuse. I have written the Mountain
to day. I perhaps you will have been the Albright ere
this. I shall have arrangements made with them
to supply you. In the, will also inform you of the [illegible]
will have been made at Rockview & other places
[illegible] with the coal for distribution [illegible]
[illegible] very [illegible]. I hope you will succeed in [illegible]
[illegible] as much as you will. We shall hope also to supply [illegible]
with the coal you require. Depositors of Lyracuse
[illegible] of [illegible] and in town, [illegible]
I shall be in Lyracuse [illegible] I shall be [illegible]
[illegible] with you further on [illegible].

I find that our Council offered to pay [illegible] for
[illegible] Now as you can get [illegible] at Pittsburgh [illegible]
[illegible] not pay at Lyracuse more than 1st [illegible]
for the [illegible] Coal!

Very Respy Your Obt Svt

[illegible]

120 Dolls

Cincinnati O. April 21st 1853

At Sight please pay to the order of Geo. W. Mellenbach One hundred and Twenty Dollars for value rec'd and charge to account of Real Property

To
Messrs G. Phelps Esq
New York City

Geo. W. Mellenbach

Geo. W. Mellenbach Esq
Very Dr Sir

Above please find draft on Messrs G. Phelps for at Sight for five hundred years interest from April 1st 1852 to April 1st 1853. I hope you are all prospering which I hear from Sister very many. I expect that you did not take the Bank. and I now for all, you a little them as a profitable investment. I expect to see them at 105 in Exp. than 3 years.

I thank you heartily for your kind expressions of a continuance of my health & life. It is very pleasing to me to know that at my time of life I may have three long days by your expression. Cant & look. I have seen the Pleasures, with others, of doing some good to the Breeding & to the Lowering Faithful. And it is also now gratifying after passing through years of toil & sleepless to receive renewed assurances of the attention

where. Allow me to say that it has been a source of pleasure to me to be able to remember you as one of my best. I hope and think that I shall have continue to merit the same kind regard.

Be there always as happy & dear to you as

Your most sincerely

[illegible]

[illegible]

Office Lake & Western R.R. Co.
Scranton Pa April 22nd 1872.

J. Stephencott Esq
Dear Sir.

Mr S. S. Allright informs me that you have been desirous of changing your location & wrote to him in the Buffalo last fall. He spoke to my Brother, who had the time, at very full & that time. The application never reached me until the early part. If I had known it two weeks ago I would have been pleased to have given you a situation.

I write now to enquire how you are situated whether engaged, or whether you could engage with us — some capacity which would be agreeable to you. Perhaps a change could be made with the hands we now have to open the way and what your expectations would be as a salary per year. Please write to me by return mail here, & send a duplicate to me at Ithaca, N.Y. when I expect to be in next week.

Very truly
Yours &c
M. H. Sherman Supt

Hampton April 25th 1832

John W Robinson Esq
Dear Sir

Your good letter of the 20th
it relieves me from a great anxiety. I regret
sorry am I that you were put on that Hotel
Committee! It seems that something or other is always done
a term ago to blast our hopes when our expectations
are raised too high. Knowing you friends there are
some who have been secretly looking forward to the
time when you would be made happy, comfortable, and
more comfortable by entering the married life. You
have certainly been a life of single blessedness long
enough, it seems to me, you friends have
grieved at the apparently bright prospect of many
you are being cut off, but now all hope appears
be fleeting. From merely our frightened out of
Coat of Feathers, when you are destined and dis-
-ragged about entering into a contract, on ope of the
reputable of friendship is known! Merry with death
accidence! They hope they get that you get from
who has a great deal of friends! Whole Parish
they get that you took out one that was to leave
already, I congratulate to make detection, I remember,
get who a house tardy, without standing or asking
leave you with such kind of somewhat offering!
Hoping that you will from me and read a few lines
in the - Place Road of the Lockport and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I come home with the impression that you were rather in favour of having the furniture painted. We spoke of this in Paris but I may have misunderstood you. Fancying that the Masons are behind, & that we, in the first flush of the work, are all hard & consolidated over the Matter here & that it will be cut, & fade, & become Mealy & flaking the Plastering, & we think the cost will be less to paint. Then it is? to have finish it early & finish them. If we do not feel it safe from paint & paint it will cost Considerable less. now I do not recommend the 'Extravagant Paint' Most of it need not cost one 3d or 4d per pd. I'd have some of the 3d better. but it's not go over 3d or 4d a pd. The Room will be more Heavy with paint & the furniture may be less expensive & look better, in a painted room than in white walls

Country people & travellers generally will be more struck with this kind of finish than with any other. A great Many people are going to that Room, to see it 'fresh in' from the Country I mean. It will pay to have it effective well & if it will not add to the cost to paint. White it will look better & more imposing. I think we'll go in for paint! did you understand that the Dining room was to be painted? Mamma may be here to wonder 'Stand all along' if so, that will be of a style different & well adapted to a Dining room. do you remember the paint (Mr Bell Colour & varnished) in the Hall, better form at the 'Rationale' [illegible] Anything in! Some they seem that it look well!

The Hall you had better get the paint & have Mamma to find it in, Matter a trifle, in colour [illegible] per for usage &c in for her Health!

In getting a Register for the Afternoon Prayers look to it that the living men should come in a good Christian spirit like the Dotter Women, Great Country Farmers &c to Church & Dear Cousins with his Sermons in his usual Style, Earnestness, the living with-spirit, the Church Officers & those more Devoted Men who do Clergy Service!

We have Nothing new to report, all well, Newton very comfortable for a — & first, which has received my Recommendation. The Rev Neil Caught Typhus & Cross at 2 the Letter Carrier! The Prof has written Prof Ia in a manner pleased with its Afternoon Sermon. The Quality will be great.

Mother also in Kind Regards to Our Little Dear Pupils.

I am Ever Yours

Jas Alexander

Scranton April 23d 1852.

Roswell Hart Esq.
Rochester N.Y.

Dear Sir

I have written twice of the 18th inst. with usual success. I shall not write of late from you letter but can so do very shortly after I hear from you as after we get time to write. I will give my friend a new Alb Rochester to supply the orders you receive with Coal. I know not how far or where it may. Other than Wornellsville, Corning, Olean, & Canandaigua we have yet orders with our Coal. If you can find a lot of places that they can reach & obtain a return we will do all we can to favour them interest. I am pleased to learn that Mr H & Co will launch on Coal. I know they will be pleased with the Coal. The quality will answer fully equal to that sent to you. The Stamis are lots of them days better. The Coal is known to quality as we further under grind for a certain distance. & then contains no dust

I have written Mr Humphrey relative to your request. Letter despatched to Rochester & C.

I go to Ithaca on Monday next. & may see you in Ro. before I return home

Truly Yours &c.

Respectfully &c.

Office of the Mo. Co.
Government Coal Mines, [illegible]

Alexander Grant Esq
Sydney

Yours of the 24 ult. received, & contents fully noted & thanks for it to me. We will mention the Change of the 2d Lieut. Pay's first draft you. It shall be kept made at the end of expenses & will be from Sheerness Cannot the safe in Or for you flow. The draft we made will be over the Land door, but we will arrange this legal hereafter.

We are doing every thing in our power to forward the Coal trade, but the trade has been so bad that we cannot get on as we had wish. It is good for, I will take be to 8 weeks to get it running. We will try & the other on Cam by Noon for you. All the thing is [illegible] proof. I leave in the morning for Sheerness, & hope [illegible] to put steam in the [illegible] so that the Coal trade may go on in proper order.

I will call the Sheerness Attention to the Cor. loss of Coal mining.

I am Yours &c &c

[illegible]

Bermuda Co. Office 27th 1832

Sir

Some of the 25 must be retained
[illegible]
[illegible] for the state. I am
[illegible] $500. [illegible]
[illegible] paid in an Office on [illegible]
[illegible] If the day is not [illegible]

Mr Wheaton,

[illegible] for the process of [illegible]
[illegible] I remain Sir.

Very Respt

Your Obt Svt

[illegible]

Office of the C.D.C.
[illegible]

Mr. Colonel [illegible]

Sir,

I learn from Mr. Arnott that after the [illegible] the Sheriff was [illegible] for £[illegible] which [illegible] you refused acceptance. You agreement with us for the Purchase of the [illegible] & Mr. Bridge, was for Cash for the Land according to your [illegible] but leaves to Arrears on your Rent. Mr. Chamney (Inland Revenue) being due for the Rent [illegible] months. Now we claim that you have not kept up to this agreement, we [illegible] have forwarded you on to Inverness by Cheque & you have been notified of our Claim. We have not from the Land granted on account of your conduct in the Proceeds. I enclose herewith a Statement of the Sheriff, which shows you to be in Arrears of £ [illegible] the Land & [illegible] of £ [illegible] for Rent since of £ 80.0.0. [illegible] Rent since [illegible] It appears to me that it is not [illegible] Sheriff & all Arrears & Rent I shall have [illegible] it.

I have just written to the Arrest that if you do not accept the Sheriff, I will give him to sign no Rent for the [illegible] & hope you will not place me in that position.

I learn the matter will [illegible] that you may see fit to remove the Sheriff.

Trusting that [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] & hoping [illegible]

[illegible]

Office L & W. R. R. Co.
Scranton Pa April 27, 1872

Wm O'Fitzgerald Lathrop
Saugus, Mass.

Dear Sir,

I have just written in answer to Mr Geo P Lawrence, Toronto, & other firm & I hope a favorable for Coal sale & transp. for next two years. He will want it by the South. I have had time on at least Calculation & hence caution on a few. I refer to in in hypocrum Saturday & Monday, & will come to see you. When we will have a better opportunity to discuss the Coal business in detail.

I mention to Mr Lawrence that we prefer to deliver on 37T. & Buffalo 29T. in [illegible]

Truly yours

W. M. Scranton Pres't

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Office Lackawanna & Western
R R Co Scranton Pa April 27, 18[illegible]

Mr Geo. P. Cameron
Toronto, Canada.

Sir

I have just rec'd. your letter of the 17th [illegible] Phelps & Dodge Co. You ordered for [illegible] and in reply beg to refer you to Mr Jas. [illegible] of Buffalo, our agents, who will be [illegible] to supply you with Coal. We have no [illegible] Coal at Ithaca & Binghamton, at present in transit of [illegible] price at Ithaca 375. & Binghamton 290. for [illegible] of 2000 lbs. Mssrs P. & L. will [illegible] to come from both places mentioned. I cannot now state the price at which they will be able to sell, but know it will be as low as any other Coal you can get from any other Company. The quality will give the best satisfaction for Cooking or any other purpose. We shall be pleased to hear from you, get your bill of lading, &c. &c. & shall be [illegible] to make it to your interest to buy of us. Next year the difference in price will be much more in our favor than it will be this year. Enclosed I hand you one of our Circulars. We have purchased 7500 tons of [illegible] for the Rochester Market & Canadian Trade. Coal is very [illegible] articles.

We use this Coal here altogether for blacksmithing purposes & know it to be much better & cheaper than bituminous Coal. Will be further arrangement for buying; we have no bituminous Coal in this section of the State.

Very Respt. Yours &c

Geo. M. Scranton Pres't

Office Lackawanna & Western RR
Scranton Pa May 6.

John Jay Phelps Esq

Dr Sir

I write in consequence of
(of Securities [illegible] in the State of New York
We are entirely destitute of funds having been
=: [illegible] all that [illegible] hence, Platt, had on hand
The remittance for Mr V. T. Scranton was not
sufficient to repay what we had borrowed of the
Bank & it has all been since expended for RR
purposes.

What shall we do?

Very truly
Yours &c
S. Sherrill

Copy of Capt. Cliff's Letter to
Chesterfield May 10th 1752.

Sir John Hay Phillips Bart. Pool.

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that I arrived safe at this place on Friday last, after a very tedious passage, occasioned by the Weather, which was very boisterous, & I was obliged to lay a-hull for 3 days together, & lost my Rudder, & Sprit-sail Yard, which I have now repaired, & shall be ready to sail with the first Fair Wind. I have spoke with Mr Bartholomew, & he says that all the Merchants, Foremen, Adventurers, &c. & people in Chesterfield, & other Villages, have a great deal of Patience & spit very little at Market, but I think it good, and favourable. Yesterday we had a Coal Boat here, & we have sold Coals to the Merchants, & I think we shall dispose of the Remainder pretty generally. Bartholomew & Sutton are ready & will do all in their power to get our Coals down by the Navigation, they think they can dispose of them (notwithstanding the Freshes) from 18 to 20 miles in the Country, & I shall be prepared to go forward, provided they can dispose of them. I shall then settle the Contract, & they are to be satisfied at the Pontoon Bridge, which they can do. How soon do they think we can get down? I shall be ready to sail immediately they tell me. They have agreed with Mr Kenyon & Co to send 3000 tons for this year, at 5s. p. ton, & they intend laying in Wharfs for the Adventurers, & Boats, which they intend to build, which will make it easier to get them down, & after your Coal is down (this Week, or Saturday, they positively say) the next day after I leave, & the Wharfs ready, they promise to send 2. they will be prepared to receive the first Boat of the year, &

– [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible]. The price [illegible] £ [illegible]
for [illegible] Coal. If no difficulty occurs in loading, I [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible] 1st [illegible] for [illegible]. Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] influence in the [illegible] he [illegible]
[illegible] & attention to me & is highly [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] with Mr. [illegible] & my own Opinion; but [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] Publishing [illegible]
of [illegible]
[illegible]

I [illegible] & [illegible] reached
[illegible] at Mr. [illegible] where I remained until 1.30 P.M. [illegible]
the [illegible] & get [illegible] at
the [illegible] of [illegible] Coal [illegible]
[illegible] but with a view of buying out my ship. [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] for a [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] 25 [illegible] & [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] had Commenced [illegible]
[illegible] & 2 [illegible]
[illegible] Coal [illegible] to get [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Coal. I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
of the [illegible]
[illegible] Coal [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

been a better result for Syracuse & Oswego, if going [illegible]
through [illegible] but you must remember [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
& holding all other places. [illegible] is put at [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] to Syracuse, for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to go [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible] day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] also [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Syracuse for 150 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Calculation [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 340 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 4.60 [illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Syracuse [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible] Bill [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
passed all [illegible]. he has written nothing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] expected to hear [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
We have nothing from the Lippincott yet

very truly yours

Office L. M. R. R. Co.
[illegible] 11 1852

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] 30 [illegible] is said to have
[illegible] at [illegible] of 22,000 [illegible]. I regret the
very idea of purchasing [illegible] it is going on profits for an indefinite
time do not need, & when we expect to be [illegible] paying
profits for the [illegible] thing. I do it to advise you. I do
not feel under the least obligation to take the [illegible]
of the Commission in Practical Promises to add [illegible]
to the price of the Road. I believe that we are [illegible]
[illegible] & the same [illegible] by the Directors [illegible]
[illegible], Cincinnati [illegible] Indiana left — [illegible]
[illegible] in delay in Paris R.R. on [illegible] of the [illegible]
the J. in Mr Millholland & I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I said for [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] <u>[illegible]</u>!

[illegible] Mr Patterson, [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Mr P. Mott. [illegible]
[illegible] I hope for [illegible]
5 [illegible] Patterson! [illegible]
[illegible] I hope for [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] we do not [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] Mr Millholland [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Scranton Pa June 30 1852

Paul Capwell Esq

Respected Friend

The Rail Road Co are yet undecided respecting the most suitable place to erect a depot for Factoryville. From what you said last spring I was led to think you would like to have it on your side. My object in writing is to learn from you how you now feel on the subject & what you will be willing to do on your part to accommodate the matter.

If you communicate let it be soon.

Very truly Yours

S. D. Scranton

For the Sec & Treas R.R.

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Scranton Pa July 7 185[illegible]

[illegible] Cronin Esq. Lock Port, N.Y.

Dr Sir

Yours of the 2d [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] you with [illegible]

[illegible] certified [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible] Stove &c &c. [illegible] for blacksmithing [illegible]

[illegible] generally used [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Lippincott [illegible]

Yrs truly,

Geo. [illegible] Wright

pr J. H. Scranton [illegible]

[illegible]

Office Lack & West. R.R. Co
Scranton Pa July 1/02

Mr A. W. Gallifer - Auburn

My dear Sir

Your favor of the 5th is duly rec'd. Col Scranton is now from home, gone East & when & at what time you & your friends will be able to find him here, is uncertain for few days - but that, rec'd not detain you in paying us a visit, as we shall try to make you comfortable while here - the new Hotel "Wyoming House" will be open in the course of a few days - the rolling mill is now under repair - will be in full operation about the 26th Inst.

Mr Scranton on his return from your City, mentioned something about getting a rolling screen for you, such a one as you saw at Ithaca - the price is say $140 del'd here, if you wish one we can order it for you

Truly yrs - Jos. L. Albright

If further inquiries are made of you when in Cortland, you may say that we have been doing some long work & shall do - as many as we can handle.

Office Luck.a & Western R.R.
Scranton Pa. July 17. 1852

Wm N Dundas Esq.
2d Asst. P. M. General.

Dear Sir.

Your Esteemed favor of June 2d I find here on my return after an absence of six weeks which I hope will be a sufficient apology for the delay in answering.

The Proposition made to our Company by the Post Master General for Mail Service on the L & W R.R. of 1/4 p Mile (the Service to be dispensed for Sunday Service) is accepted. Commencing July 1st route No 9600. Sodaville to Scranton.

Please forward Contract at your early convenience which I will see executed.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Geo. W. Scranton Gen'l Agt.

Office Chief Engineer, Fortifications, &c.
Washington, D.C. July 27, 1863

My dear General Gill:
I received your letter.

Yours.

Alfred E. Mordecai
Chief Engineer

Brig. Gen. Gill
Chief Engr. Defenses of Washington

Office of Pacific & Western R.R.Co
Scranton Aug 14 1852

Mr Jno C. McKinney & Co. Binghamton N.Y.

Gents

The bearer McGuire is a business acquaintance & requested him to call on you and confer with you & see if the Steam Mill in your place cannot be permitted upon to use our Coal. he is a good practicable gentleman & engineer & is fully posted up with the use of Anthracite, and has been but a few hours tarrying with you - we expect to go with Mr Grist by Monday, perhaps when I will be glad to see you at the Depot.

We are now preparing some coal by road & hope that you may some next week, & have fixed on the following named by which you will be governed

1st Lump
2d Steamboat price of Lump
3. Egg - 25c Extra
4 Stove - 25 do
5 Chestnut - price of Lump

Mr J. W. Stubbs of Deposit is a fortunate man & stock holder in this Co. writes about getting a Cargo of Coal say 15 tons Egg & balance Lump - if he succeeds please send us charge from Lump 2.66. Egg 2.91. we have fixed upon unbroken prices but low figure, which we think will leave us considerable

Yours Respt. J. McKinney Esq. Pres.

Office of the Lack. & Western R.R.
Scranton Pa. Aug 14/52

Mr D. S. Griffin, Sup. Utica N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 8th is duly rec.d. Our coal this season we can neither recommend as a first late article for superior to what was sent over our road last fall as we were not able to get the flows early in time to reach our good steel name in time to keep it up, and the article we never intend for performance. Our price at Wenjamin delivered in boats is for Lump $3.15 per ton and $3.40 for nut. no doubt you can do quite as well or better with Bushnell & Baker who have our coal, early contracted for

Respectfully yrs
Lackawanna Coal Co
per D. S. Griffin
agent

Office of Lack. & Bost. R.R.
Scranton Pa. Aug 1st 1856

Mr Butler Esq. Mount Cronk

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 9th is duly to hand - at this time I fear the Co would have no situation to offer you - I was at Detroit last week & should think it a most admirable point for a Coal yard and have little doubt a person as fully acquainted with the business as you are would soon build up a great business very little Anthracite has ever been sold there in this Market - the Co have no doubt will by another year put all their yards into the hands of purchasers of Coal & then you they were in some measure obliged to open yards being in intire new under taking they in some instances continue to avoid it - Toronto I am informed would be another very good point for a yard - or perhaps Chicago where we have had an agent doing a small business - I have no doubt you would do well in opening a yard at some of these places - Mr Hall of Rochester is canvassing every thing he can lay his hands on & would be a powerful opposition to any new yard that might be started there as he takes 10 to 15 tons per day this year. I will be most happy to serve you & should an opening offer in our Co I shall bear you in mind.

Respectfully yrs
Wm. S. Ramsey

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Office [illegible]
Decemb. Sept. 21. 1850.

J. J. Albright Esq.
Dr. Sir

The Mess Carriers & Lake Superior Coal Co at Bloomsburg on 3,000 of & of Stores 3,55 of a Bill of Lading of increasing Sales & Advancements in [illegible] so you can now do with you can to [illegible] & Prefer Boats and the discount!

I hoping for [illegible] & hope this letter will find you [illegible] & engaging & Comm Mess M. Mary [illegible] & hope you will get the Mess to [illegible] the Decemb on any cost that may [illegible] the Mess of Mr Albright! [illegible] & see what you can do & confirm [illegible] pleasant to see what you have done [illegible] the Contrary! Reply Office! I [illegible] from Letter for Hyman [illegible] hear with this [illegible]

[illegible]

Off'g L W R R Co
Scranton Aug 2 188[illegible]

J. G. Lippincott Esqr
Ithaca N.Y.

Dr Sir.

We have concluded to sell our Lump Coal at Ithaca for $3.[illegible] per Ton from this time until Sept 1st in cargo lots on cars under "Shipments Money" you will therefore inform our Customers & Consumers that they can have Coal at [illegible] $3.[illegible]

I hope that this may bring in [illegible] Customers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] arrangements [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I will look after the prospects and Trouble [illegible]

Truly Yours &c

Inform the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] also been [illegible] [illegible]

Office of Mr. R. R. [illegible]
Scranton Sept. 3rd 1862

A. Scribleskey Esq.
Binghamton N.Y.

Sir

Mr Phelps and I have been here [illegible] Coal dist. on cars at Binghamton, up to Oct 1st at $3.00 per ton. This is done with a view of [illegible] without prejudice, & we hope the Chenango Collieries Co. will not sell their Coal off their own prices. I think you will [illegible] every possible exertion to increase the [illegible] of Coal on the Chenango Canal up to this time we can do a great many thousand tons collection in addition to what we [illegible]

I intend to see [illegible] what can be done for home purposes Coal for you.

Please send me [illegible] note.

30 tons left [illegible] as [illegible] last month also [illegible] of Binghamton [illegible] Orders you may have made [illegible] on the 1st day of Sept if [illegible]

Very Respy Yours

[illegible]

Scranton Pa. Aug. 31. 1852

Messrs Pratt & Co
Buffalo. N.Y.

Gentlemen.

You have no doubt ere this received my letter in reply to your inquiries. Permit me to apologize for not calling on you again as I had promised & hoped to have done before leaving Buffalo. The day I left I was unexpectedly detained until near Canal time. I had intended to have talked further with you & gone to your Mill in the hope that I could satisfy myself & you too that it wd be your interest to use our Coal. (a matter of which I have no doubt) as well as to give you more information abt the Pig Iron we buy. believe that we might have your interest & help our Railroad by inducing you to purchase part of your stock in this direction. I did not however entirely forget you on my arrival home & made enquiries as to the state of the Pig Market in the Susquehanna & found that holders were asking higher prices & getting it than what I had spoken to you & further that the make wd fall far short this year than last. Our Company have purchased this year. 500 tons No 2 Pig. del. at Port Jeffersh. (via Canal) which is 10 miles from here. at $18.50. 1000 tons Scotch. at 16.25. it cost us $1.00 per ton to bring it from Port Jeffersh to Scranton. we have P. for No 1. foundry Pig. nearly $20. I doubt whether good Foundry quality can be had now for less than $17.50 to $18. it wd cost you

[illegible]

[illegible] Griffith

to get [illegible] [illegible] of 2.50 [illegible] [illegible] $1.00 [illegible] [illegible]

The supply [illegible] of [illegible] county Pa, [illegible] Wetzler [illegible] Pa. [illegible] you might [illegible] at [illegible] may know [illegible] if you [illegible] at the [illegible]

The Columbia Co. Pig is all Cold Short. & the [illegible] is all Red Short; & these qualities properly mixed make the best Nail. & to make good Merchant Iron you wd have to mix the Cold Short with Charcoal [illegible] Iron of opposite [illegible] quality. I do not know the nature of the [illegible] Iron. We have never Puddled any [illegible] or Maryland Iron. [illegible] suppose the Lehigh Crane alone wd make as good or [illegible] quality Merct. Iron than any other Anthracite Pig. you can buy the Columbia Co. might answer to mix & cheapen your Iron if bot at last [illegible] prices.

If you desire we will send you a few tons Iron Bar (Puddled) as sample.

We have the best Alligator Squeezer I ever saw & if you shd wish to have one cast from our Patterns we will make one at short notice for [illegible] [illegible] would it not be well for you to come & see it & we too wd like you to see our Puddling furnaces [illegible] with Anthracite coal.

I hope to see you in B. abt the 20th Sept. in the mean time if you shd wish the [illegible] or any other information that can furnish [illegible] will be [illegible] [illegible] who [illegible] in my absence [illegible]

[illegible]

The Iron trade in England is looking a little better. We hope to see an improvement in this country ere long.

Same Most Truly

Your obt Svt

Geo. Masterton

P.S. You can leave NB in early train running here via. Canandaigua. Elmira. Diego. Ft. Reno. Same day

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Office Lack. & Western R.R.
Scranton Pa. Dec. 31. 1852

Julius Pitcher Esq.
Buffalo. N.Y. - Dear Sir.

Enclosed is a copy of the Blowers which I have use to day receiving your attention & Payment' Will you please call on Mr Fulcher & Mr [illegible] & request the [illegible] [illegible] hereby authorized to give a receipt [illegible] for the Bills when paid!

Mr Albright went to Binghamton Monday & expected to get on the Engine & go right up to Oswego. & back to Buffalo! they are using more Coal than necessary. in fact they must make a waste if I am correctly informed' The Engine should make her round trip with 85 & 90 lbs of clean Coal. & make her usual speed if they are put on running from 1. to 2 round trips the should make one to four trips with 5 ft Coal. [illegible] the pitch [illegible] Coal 'this is always the [illegible] [illegible]'

I [illegible]

I hope to hear that you are at Ithaca.

Yours & Truly
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
Buffalo, N.Y. [illegible]

[illegible]

1156. 70/100 Dolls

Office Lack.a & Western R.R. Co.
Scranton Pa. Aug.t 31st 1852.

Thirty days after date please pay to the Order of Beardsley Meeker & Curtis Eleven Hundred and Fifty Six 70/100 Dollars for value rec.d and charge to account of

To.
Russell Sprague Esq.
Treas. L. & W. R.R. Co.
Pearl St New York

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
M. H. Scranton Gen.l Agt.

Mess.rs Beardsley Meeker & Curtis.

Gent. I have just returned home after a month's absence & find your letter relative Bill of Lading' on Dec.r & many of our bills on or of New York at this time in Circulation I have instructed Russell Sprague to draft at 30 days sight added for the Lading & hope it will be properly dis.d of by you. the proper allow. on to Cary is inadmissible but if you should use it at your Bank without difficulty 'return to me & I will draft for the full draft. by return Mail' I like the Letter of Attorney very much. we have not held this one of yours we think you have made the work pretty equitable & again must beg hope to give you further orders.

Very Truly Yours &c
Geo. N. Sorrentino.

Scranton Pa Sept 9/62 101

Wm Tuckley Esq
[illegible] R R Co
Binghampton N.Y.

Dear Sir

Letter rec^d

Geo A Hubbard Esq ([illegible] one of the Stockholders, acting)

40 tons [illegible] & 20 tons [illegible]
of which Mr Albright advises you he is to
furnish the same at the old price. Please
see that the Bill which is furnished him
is [illegible] & that it is [illegible] on terms
as heretofore allowing Mr H to make [illegible]
[illegible] If you can arrange the price of the
Bill at the Company then [illegible] for the whole amount at
once [illegible] no doubt that Mr H the Bill.

Scranton Pa Sept. 23/52

Mr Jason Parker Buffalo

Dear Sir

Yours of the 21st is duly rec'd. the iron will be weighed at Ithaca

I am sorry to hear about the Lady Elgin & shall think it cannot be a mistake did Martin go down & see what if any thing is the matter, if he has not done so he had best go at once. he must have a sharp look out for all the boats we have started. we can be on one or the other all the time. I trust the Rockwell has got on clear by this time on our Coal.

Please send Scranton & Platt say 1000 bu good white wheat & 1000 bu Corn. I would order larger only hoping for a decline. do you know any thing to do with Rye I may be here you need write. I see by Mr Dayspinatts report that the payments of Coal to you has been very light. cannot more be done in some way or other. the Col. is now here.

Respectfully yrs
Jos. A. Allright
of Scranton

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Office of Pack. & Tho. R. R. Co.
Pittsburgh Pa. Sept 29 1852

Capt. Geo. Dakin, Genoa

Your favor of the 15th is rec'd the goods you refer to Messrs. Legg & Wells have neither been here. You can therefore go a head & make arrangements for supplying them. They will come & can take your boat into the bargain. I have been anxious to see Penn Pan supplied & Mr Kellogg would do this here good here & get some one with it. Had it not been that you promised to take care of that place I see I could easily have made a service. I hope you will make a good run & get all your coal in. You have as yet had but a few cargoes.

Very Respectfully yr
Jos. D. Albright
for Geo. M. Scranton
Pack'g

Office of Lack. & Nav. R.R. Co. Oct 24/52

Mr Jos Lippincott

Dear Sir

We loaded to day 14 Cars Foundry Pine Brook Coal & decided it manifest to you, there will be more coming on. I think you rather have all your Ithaca foundries try it at once & see what it is. I promised E. H. Mackey a cargo & if realy as good as I hope it may be we should try & get a cargo or more in every yard & charge 25¢ per ton Extra. the additional price will suit it character & we should have something more than for the other coal this being as you are aware a small vein & we obliged to keep it seperate from all our other coal, & should only be disposed of for foundry use & for all other purposes I doubt if it is as good as our other coal.

yrs truly
Jos. E. Fellows
p. G. M. Scranton
Gen'l Agt

Copied & sent to Mr. Hill 10
Greenville Sc. Oct. 20/72

Mr. Clemens & Gentlemen Committee
Salem

Inasmuch as I do not see my name mentioned in your letter of the 17th inst. as one of those desired to be in attendance at the Salem Convention for the Good cause of Temperance, I feel it to be my duty, lest some of my friends should be disappointed to see no reference to my absence, to say that I am entirely with the Co. from conference & the Co. from conference, & the conference called. Three Conferences combined in a most worthy & praiseworthy reformation cause of unprecedented interest.

Yours &c
Geo. G. Williams
Pr. of Wesleyan
Con. Co.

Mr J Cheney - Canandaigua N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 28th ult. is before us - in regard to the charge of $1 - per ton on Coal from Jefferson to your place - will of course drive the business over the Sodus road via Cayuga - Will you speak to the Supt. of the Jeff.n & Can.a Road & see if they will not carry our Coal at the Rate of 1½ per ton pr mile, being the price we pay other roads - all Rail Rd Companies are deeply interested in the introduction & use of our Coal along their lines - as it will be the means of keeping down the price of lumber so much needed by all R.R. & Co - please bring this before the Co & see what can be done - if possible I will see you in the course of a few days.

About the matter of Coal from Cayuga to your place I will see about it - we wish you to have the Canandaigua trade so far as we can consistently do it

Very Respectfully yours
Jos. D. Athearn
for the Co.

Buffalo
Feb 1st

We have received
safely the Minister letters sent to Officers for
Fort Gage & Fort Ann. Have sent the first to
Fort Gage directly - you would do well to get out
patents & have them put in your office - we have
them ready - I write Governor Hughes & Commissary
Wheeler to order their men to assist & convey
safe & clear to Lexington all the stores in Fort
Ann & Fort Gage & the Minister - you will therefore
let Wheeler know & Hughes & Lieut Foster
know you in your letter - before closing of the
letters send to Mr Stockton, we have no news
since I wrote before - Indeed this country
is dull there is no news to be known but
general our Cruel -

The Mr Sheppard Committee for examining
Cruel are we hear is a general Exchange of Prisoners
& you would do well also to have them
attended to - Officers & Commissaries &c

Yours &c sincerely yours
John Stark
To Gen Gates

Scranton Nov 6. 1872

J. J. Phillips & Bro.
Dear Sir:

Your letter received on Saturday was very pretty. I am quite sorry to hear that Mr Cone & Mr Edwards Cone.

We can build 100 platform cars for the Dec 15th from the Tender. Remember we all of the best quality we can make all the iron and legislation of cost it may be from most of the wheels. Formerly we can make 100 there. The Dec will be all of the very highest quality. No Company on earth can beat us in making these cars. By all means press the contract for 100 cars. We are prepared. 4,000 cars on Pt. Bend. [illegible] Just please! It is just the thing to help us. Can furnish [illegible] cars for the next 8 mos. We can make only a limited amount of Rails for the next 4 or 5 mos for want of iron but with an [illegible] of Johnson quality of iron that [illegible] legislation. We can rig. We can make the efficient quality of iron for cars. But we have learned [illegible]

I enclose an estimate of cost of platform cars which is full. For your confidential information.

We friends have got around for Between a day when then. We have read over our contract with Dunham. It is good he must hold & any losing the. Let us postpone a little until hence home & according to agreement. We have been all the cars we can hand to be ready some help for the ship.

Truly Yours &c

$6000 Dolls.

Office Lack.a & Western R.R. Co
Ithaca Nov. 15.th 1852

At one day Sight please pay to the Order of Roswell Sprague Esq. Treasurer Six Thousand Dollars for value rec.d and charge Coal Acct as advised to

Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
M. McSerraden Gen.l Agt

Milton Phelps Esq.r Agt.
Buffalo. New York

$72.30 Dolls

Office Lack.a & Western R.R. Co.
Ithaca Oct. 30.th 1852.

Three Months After date please pay to the Order of Roswell Sprague Esq.r Treasurer, Nine Hundred and Seventy Two & 30/100 Dollars for Value rec.d and charge Coal Acct as advised to

Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
M. McSerraden Gen.l Agt

A. B. Pulcifer
Auburn N.Y.

Scranton Pa Nov 15 1862

W. Sprague [illegible]
Dr Sir

Enclosed please find dft on [illegible] at one day sight [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at 3 [illegible]
for 972 [illegible] Dollars

The weather [illegible] appearance [illegible] [illegible] that our purchases at [illegible] present will be short of the supply of Coal [illegible] get all the [illegible] We [illegible] Close of Navigation [illegible] to [illegible] all the Coal to Cayuga [illegible] for [illegible] & others

The Coal [illegible] perform the Coal [illegible]

I returned from Wilkes Barre [illegible] night [illegible]

We shall [illegible]

I am [illegible] Yours &c

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Newcastle Co. Nov. 14. 1832

J. Suffern Esq
Sir

When Mr Thomas Parker's affairs were written, a deft. Made on him at the day of the Parker for $ 1 Bond:

When Mr B. Patterson deft. Oct 30th at 8 mo. for $1972.30. I made him deft. on the 6th when he sent word I was a B. P. instead of Parker thought as you did not, for Mr Parker dell the Parker Coal at 30th left the Company price. Mr Allright said Comm on Wednesday for Mr Parker to tell you down drop. I hope this Memorandum will be all he Comm to Spd Coal & Disorge before the ice Market head. I hope first weather & Wind Wal we will do all we can for him. The Coal business looks well.

Yours &c

Geo. H. Stockton

[illegible]

Mr. Cox & Co. Esq. Dear
Sir &c.

Enclosed please find the 2d copy of
B/E for £ 1890 drawn & sent, £ 36.70, leaving a
bal. of £ 112 [illegible] for stock [illegible]
Also copy of dispatch sent herewith [illegible] 64.70
Also Mr. Ritchie's Pamphlet [illegible] 10.20
£ 210.00

Which is for J. Blanchard, pursuant to
"Inclosed Note" Collected of Pamphlet, 64.70 of the
bank Pamphlet, Mr. Ritchie's Pamphlet for being for
Bank of Wheat Buffalo & Lake Erie. I have not
yet seen letter before me, but think for transmitting the
210 dollars. I send the bank £210, & he receive the Bill.
It cannot hold be convenient me if it is £20 short!

I collected of Mr. Fillmore, for one large Mower &
2 small ones, Bank £42.79 (after deducting £5 for bill) were
remitted £17.25 to Mr. Fillmore, leaving £5 for commission
which if not right for me to keep. I will repay it to the
Office when I come to New York. Mr. is desirous to get
four Mows. for J. Fillmore! I now anticipate it & Parker &
will arrange the stock. Mr. Ritchie will be home 10 or 12 days
at Buffalo! I enclose Dry Goods Bill £10.20 & pay
with Mr. Fillmore's & if approved, please send the Order
to me for the amount! I am [illegible] Office
from the M.C. Co. Stock & the Bank. [illegible]
Fillmore & Co. of £ 50 Stock!

[illegible]

Lieutenant William R. K. C.

M. Ill McIntosh Esq.

Sir Lieutenant Commanded, from 1846. to Jan. 1851.
Performing Duties as Chief Clerk.
Mr. Dickinson & Clerk Organization of Company
Chief Superintending the Construction of the
Wm Colonade

J. Stevens

Note. 1852. of the Capital Stock of the Company. One Thousand & Sixty Shares of the Capital Stock of S. Co. at $50 p. Share. Amounting to Eight Thousand Dollars. which is the Facts of the Above Bill.

Wm McIntosh

Office L & W RR Co
Scranton Nov 15th 1852

E. Stanley Esqr
Dr Sir.

The L & W RR Co have agreed to contract the Mining of their Coal to Mess Needham, Peckham, Sherrard & others & is mined prepared, and delivered by the Ton into the Cars of the Co. Contract will run for a term of years & to give them possession of the Mines to day. Contract is not yet reduced to writing & takes an inventory of all the personal property at the Mines as soon as possible & to deliver over them such personal property as they may require in reality, to go on with & render them any aid in your power to assist them in commencing. Be pleased to take the general charge of the Mines as the Company's Mining Engineer & I shall take an early opportunity to confer with you relative to the sinking of our new Colliery &c &c.

In the mean time I am
Very truly Your &c

Geo W. Scranton

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Scranton Pa. Nov 16 1852

H. Parker
Dear Sir

Your letter of 12th came here in my absence & I have indeed the Patent & regret that you should have had so much trouble to get the Stock transferred. Mr Scott writes me that you have the Scrip for the 160 Shares & that some other plan must be taken with reference to the 80 shares new stock. I have therefore prepared a paper which is herein enclosed which I think will meet the case & be satisfactory to you. if so please sign the 3 Notes enclosed, call on Mr E. Dodge & pay him $300 & take his rec.t for the same & enclose the rec.t & notes to me which will close the transaction. Mr Dodge will place the $300 to the cr of Gen.l S.T. Scranton & he will also add his name to my brothers as guarantee. having paid me 10% & given the Notes & the Stock not transferable until the Pay.t of the Notes. I can think of no better way to arrange the matter than by the enclosed agreement. If you think proper any other way you will please suggest it & I will make such change as will meet your wishes.

We have our Engineers now at work re-surveying the Delaware & Cobb's Gap R.R. route: please remember that you are to have some of this stock. in less than 30 months from this time you can reach this place from foot of Cortlandt St. in a little over 4½ hours. you should have too much of this stock, & I would advise you to dispose of any that you possibly that does not promise well for the future & invest in this. I expect to be in N.Y. the last of this mo. when I may see you. in the mean time.

I am Yours truly Your friend. Geo M Scranton

Scranton Pa. Nov. 18. 1852

Thomas H. Minard
Esq.
Franklin Furnace Sussex Co.
Dear Sir, Yours received

When I parted with you 22 months ago it was my decided opinion that we should have had our Del & Cobb Gap R.R. half completed but circumstances over which we had no control, occurred before the commencement of the work, we found our L.V.R. road a pretty heavy work before us before we got through with it. then we had Mostly after our meeting at your place a dreadful tight Money Market which not only had its effect on us but it was felt by other Companies & parties who were interested & connected the New Jersey roads with us at the Gap. they were unable to go on & we all knew that our road must be kept & worked well & connected with these roads: I have always felt & believed that we should be ready for them & stand to work as soon as Del & Cobb Gap got in time to make the connection. I should have written to you long ago, but I have nothing encouraging to say, but some day the time is near at hand when we must take hold of the R.R. in earnest & push it right thro'. I hope we may have a few spl of favorable weather for our Engineers. Mr McNeill has a good strong party now commencing on Monday from here last Saturday a week on the Spring Brook road. I have felt it a duty to have every thing ready that I can prevent in it before a final location was made. we have what we do do a strong Brook.

[illegible]

And as the Stirling Road route has been so long talked of it was deemed prudent to buy it altogether. I have never believed it would prove so favourable as Mr. Sykes. We let Calloway regard the Engineers, had seen 6 miles of the line from Perth to Coupar Grange. Which is 10 ft. off the 2nd level & it proceeds well ahead. So far I am perfectly satisfied: My prejudices are all in favor of Coupar & but if we can get out to a better line with better grades & loose no time by another route than it must go. Notwithstanding any prejudice or interests we shall be able to judge, & Accordingly in 10 or 12 days more have the thing settled. This thing may change the entire aspect of Stirling.

We feel it also due to our shareholders to make some [illegible] Examination of Capt Parker's line. My shareholders high in P. & C. & others feel & almost certain that we should find that line to long for us. It will not do to throw away distance unless some great gain is to be made by it.

If the weather will permit we shall strive to get all these Examinations made by 20th Oct. so that we can settle when the work shall be advertised & prepare a part of it for immediate letting. Then we shall be able to let the Road between Stirling & Perth. We have had some favourable proposals for doing portion of the Eastern Road.

Is there anything to remove you Gentlemen from coming up here to see us & what we have been doing here. Everything seems to have almost fa

the first that we are doomed to be neighbors
nothing less than 12 hours ride of each other.

I am ashamed from home most of the time &
hardly to get and to have you gain time in from
deep letter of your valued friend, so that I
may be have to meet you.

I write perhaps rather too often lately for
your peace for "Renewal Election" are now
at hand & I feel you will regard Politics in
Elections. It may not be necessary to call
a meeting of our friends until that time. I
letter Bankruptcy & embarrassed by my
complaining Expenses & fearing we be driven
determined that if I could not get rid of these
heavy vexations & move that I would move & have
—Mason the trial without them. I have my
business & draw the Gentlemen's shoulders of
our largest Pork Packing in any thing I have
to fear. It is time & you are therefore & know what
we are doing now - but it is finally the best policy that
Mrs. Paulding first was anything said regard to any
proposed change in the Levies in Lands. On our
Canal lies navigating which may be found both
with your Mason. Co People lead the Co. easily on to
light of way. Mr. must be discussed before we "broke
ground." in Gov. Seis at least. we could get engaged
Trench in the middle, any down.

Hoping to hear from you down & to
see you here, at your early convenience & will look
to good to our friend the Mich. State & other.

Yours Truly for Mich. Gov. [illegible]

Office Lack.a & Western R.R.
Scranton Pa Nov 20 1882

A Mathews Esq
Utica N.Y.

Dr Sir

Your valued favor of the 15th inst has been noticed, with interest. We shall be happy to supply you with 1000 tons Anthracite Coal next year. We are not prepared now to name a price. Sch. with Boats at Binghamton but after we have time to look at the past year work we shall be better able to judge as to what we can do next year. Our desire is to keep the price of Coal as low as possible in order to bring it more rapidly into general use. Our Company think of building boats to run from Ithaca, but have not seriously contemplated building any to run on the Chenango Canal. It is my own opinion, that we shall not undertake the boating of Coal it is a difficult business for us to manage to advantage, having the best of our operations so far from that Canal. At Ithaca we can make an entirely different arrangement from what we can on the Chenango Canal. We have already assurances of very largely increased orders for Coal to go west next year. I think you will push your furnace to completion as fast as possible & have it ready fully to go at least at the early opening of Canal. We project for a good trade both well by keep yourself

Yours Scranton Pa

Office Secretary Treasurer &c.
Cleveland Oh Nov 20 1872

D. Thurston Esq
Toledo Ohio.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Nov. 9 the 17th inst
has been received & duly considered. The Board
of Trustees of Western Reserve University
Cleveland Ohio, have not had your letter before them
since it was rec'd. We are not prepared now to
make any offer for Home, but if you will submit
the proposition in detail we will be pleased to
consider it. Our object is to get the best
school we can for the money. Our object is to have
a good school in Northern Ohio. We want to
have your valuable aid & personal use. Our Committee
think of building a new College building
but have not determined definitely the location, but
it will be on the Cleveland Road. We are now obtaining
subs. that we place the matter before the trustees of Cal
College. It is a difficult business for us to manage to our
satisfaction, having the school in two different places
that Cleveland & Oberlin are quite as convenient
different transportation. You will see by the
Cleveland Herald, we have obtained assurances of
new liberality in order to make it a good & popular
school. I think the R.R. Land Grant Company will
[illegible] a large donation of land & the Board of Trustees
have decided to [illegible] the Board of Trustees shall
[illegible]

Scranton Pa. Nov. 22d 1852.

Charles Dutton Esq. Ch. Co.
Sir

I owe you an Apology for so long delaying to write to you & send you the Template of Rails as I promised. I have been so much from home & have had so much on my hands that it has escaped my mind when at home to attend to it.

I now enclose 2 drawings, the rolls of which are in use & in good order. The other lighter patterns are not in order now & we cannot well bring them out & prepare them for a small order. You can select either of the Enclosed & inform us which you prefer. Your Iron is ready all here. I regret to inform you that we have an accident to our Mill a few days since, which will delay us some 10 or 12 days yet to repair. The first time in many months that we have been delayed from any thing of this kind. If however we do not get your Iron rolled in time to get it to Cayuga before the Lake freezes we must arrange to send it to Canandaigua if you wish. We will do the best we can in the matter. I enclose a duplicate of Rail pattern which please send to Mr Williams. I do not know whether he intends to send any other with the rails.

Very Truly Yours
[illegible]

Hartford Nov 24th 1852

David Mallinckrodt Esq.
Mailford Ct.

Dear Sir.

Your valued favor of the 16th inst was duly rec'd & noticed & in reply I will endeavor to answer your inquiries as clearly as I can without the aid of the reports from the different Companies in which you are interested. From the time you made your first investment the iron trade has been greatly depressed, until quite recently. The prices for Iron have rose rapidly on the other hand there is being felt here, & now we have reason to expect a permanent improvement & good prices for perhaps some years to come. During the past three years we have been working at low prices, & taken no pay in stocks & Bonds of the different Companies which we have supplied and of which we now hold a large amt. If there be a fair price we shall have made something in the 3 years business. The profits however will be small. The past year we have been furnishing the Cru R. I think we shall again earn something out of that trade. Some time in 8 weeks we will complete that contract, when we shall enter upon better times. We have added some valuable real Estate, & made some valuable improvements in the property, altogether will amt to $100,000, during the past 3 years. I am of opinion that we shall make this amt. clear, out of the past 3 years business, perhaps more.

It is now a little over one year since the Lackawa

Western R.R. was opened we have not sold so much
Coal as we anticipated the first
year. The amt sent will not be far from 60,000, tons
Our Coal has been well & widely distributed throughout
Western New York & has everywhere given the highest
satisfaction. It has been more difficult to introduce
Coal generally than we had supposed & we have been
troubled to get boats & boatmen into the trade. But we
see our way more clearly for next year & our prospects
look very encouraging. We have good reason for believing
that we shall sell next year 125,000 tons
if they be so. This together with our other business will
enable to the Stockholders fair dividends. Our
business other than Coal has been steady & steadily
gaining from the commencement. The receipts from Boats
& for our new one $5000 p mo. & we estimate the
receipts to reach $75,000 fully next year. Our Road
is in excellent order. We have 12 first class Engines
& over 600 Coal Cars all in fine order.

The Cayuga & Susq R.R. earned $102,000 the
last year from Sept 1. 1851 to Sept 1. 52. which is all
33 per Cent increase over the preceding year. As the
business increases on S & W.R. it increases in the same
ratio as N.C. We all think the C & S will pay fair
dividends hereafter. That R.D. is in good condition.
Considerable money has been expended there in
wharves, depot grounds, Canal basin, Trestling, dumping
arrangements, side tracks &c &c. All of which stand
good purpose & are permanent & indispensable improvements.
Their report will be issued next month. I
send it to you. As soon as the [illegible] of the other Cos

[illegible]

[illegible]

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as soon as they can meet! We have been anxiously waiting for several months for the Governor to sign our Iron Bill which was passed in both houses of the Legislature last winter; he still holds the Bill. We think if he does not sign it he will let it become a law, which it will be if he does not return it within 10 days after the Legislature meets in Jan with his Objections. I fear make too long a story of it to undertake to write out the history of this Matter. I am of opinion we shall get it! but if we do not we have purchased an old one, which we can organize under & make it answer very well; the one in the Gov. hands however is just what we want, a most excellent Bill. As soon as the Matter is decided we shall make reports showing just how we stand!

I suppose you know that the Syracuse & Binghamton Railroad is all under contract & being pushed forward rapidly, & that they place will soon be connected nearly a straight line R.R. with Oswego on Lake Ontario. & that when the Del & Cobleskill R.R. from Schenectady to the Del. water Gap is completed & connected with the New Jersey Roads, it will make the shortest & best line for New York to the Lakes, (Ontario & Erie) of any other! We are now reconnoitering the Del. & Cobleskill route & we hope to arrange to put it under contract during the coming winter! this R.R. will also be connected at or near the Gap with a R.R. leading to Phila. on the Penna side of the Del., & will in addition to the Penna R.R. give us Belvidere, Trenton & the Phila. with all their R.R. connections at both ends, we can profitably

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Certain that del & Cattaraugus Safety Lock & Western Transit Line, we may be numbered among the best paying roads in the Country. They will form the middle part of a great transit line, between the City of Philadelphia & New York & the Lakes &c &c. We shall call on you soon to take an interest in the Delaware & Cattaraugus. We desire to have a majority of that Stock owned by our association. When we call on you, or before, I hope that some one of our Concern will have an opportunity to explain more fully & satisfactorily to you the nature & scope of our Concern.

I consider your investments in these Roads are Iron works good, & will continue to increase in importance & value. I do not know how well you think of them, you may in consequence of not receiving dividends be disposed to look unfavorably upon your investment.

I will add that I believe I can find you a purchaser for your entire interest, who will take your stock at 75 & pay you the principal with 12 per Cent, interest from date of all the payments you have made on, for the same. I do not mention this because I desire you to sell but to show you that those not associated with us have a favorable Opinion of the properties.

The death of our President Frank Griffith was a principal Stockholder left us. He was one of our best friends always. We feel his loss deeply.

I have written the foregoing hastily & have been interrupted by frequent calls while writing. If I can be of service to you at any time, or can give you further information, please command me at your pleasure.

I am Most Respectfully Yours &c &c

Glenn Sonnedecker

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Cortlandt

Office Lackawanna & Western R.R. Co.
Scranton Pa Nov 27. 1852

At Sight please pay to U. Curtis or Order $[illegible] for value rec^d and charge

Very Resp^y Yours &c
Geo. H. Sprague

R. C. Sprague Esq Treas
New York.

U. Curtis Esq
Dear Sir

Above please pass debit at sight for Bill of R.R. Co. which please
[illegible] and oblige

Very Resp^y Your Obt Sert

Office Co Scranton
Nov 27. 1852

Geo. H. Sprague Treas

SIR. Office, Philadelphia Pa. Nov. 26th 1852.

I have received the Office duty, please forward to I shall take it on order. The Allowance of Eighteen Dollars, for [illegible] and [illegible] I beg thankfully your obt. Sr.

Geo. W. Schermerhorn

Capt. Philip Dodge U.S.
Revenue Cutter
Care of Post Master
New York

Capt. Schermerhorn
Cutter Jeffries
Philadelphia

Sir,

I had hopes we should have called on you in Phila. that I might explain to you why we have been so slow in remitting the duties due for the which I have not been able yet to do so to Phila. but expect to go next Mon. for my Daughter who is there at School & then I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you. I will therefore now only say, that I received many one of the Blanks, without telling me first, offering to pay the usual fees of them officially — if they found to your satisfaction — some time ago — & I do not force the Collection by suit! the sum is yet unpaid for $650. they were home gone on board the Albatross (which was bound 50 miles from Buffalo) & we have been ever since trying to find them. The Commr. informed, & sent them on the "Revenue" next spring & received a few days later than. He has letters now go for the May flower

Montreal Dec 26 1868

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Office of W. R. R. Co.

Albany, Nov. 24 1852

R. Sprague Esq. Treas.

Dear Sir

I have made the following diff. in your acc. for Rent. Your R.R. Co. to Cong. for rent due that Co. for running cars on the use of this Road which please have the kindness to accept for presentation.

Bal. diff.	July 1.	at.	5 mo.	for.	$906. 69
" "	Aug. 2	"	4	"	[illegible]
" "	Sept. 1	"	3	"	[illegible]
" "	Oct. 1	"	2	"	[illegible]
" "	Nov. 1	"	1	"	[illegible]
					$13. 261. 69

Send Charge to

My Credit

Your Obt. Sert.

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Off of Lackw. R.R. Co.
Scranton Pa
Mar. 27. 1852

C. F. Heller Jr Esq.
Astor House N.Y.

Dr Sir

Your favour of the 23d is duly to hand & addressed Scranton & Platt the coal we hope to send forward on Monday.

Mess. Scranton & Platt decline making a proposition for the Hall you speak of as they are under contract for all they can do for some time to come.

Very Respectfully yrs
Geo. W. Scranton
per Jos. J. Albright

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Scranton Pa. Nov 27. 1852

Capt. J. M. Porter

Dear Sir

Your letter of Oct 6th written to Mr Dodge was sent to me with a request that I should keep you "posted up" in all matters & measures in Del & Cobb Cnty. I intended to have written to you long ago, but in the multitude of other matters I have neglected to do so. I got on the Railroad now in a whole off running away from railroad building & measures and it is wearing me out, as it will any one who takes the laboring oar & principal management &c. as I have had no action of our Board since their Election I have taken it upon myself to get Mr McNeill & Judge Jessup together & tell them to work determined of course not get our folks to move furthermore. That I write you this letter to inform the Road must be built & we are now at work on the Spring Brook route. We cannot yet tell how that is going to Conclude with Hungry Hollow but it so far appears more favorable than we have dared hope. Mr McNeill hopes commence a survey of the Hunk, hoping to inform that done. I desire to know Mr McNeill's ideas pertinent the route proposed by you. He has been over part of that line. He does not think it will do. He is of opinion that the grades will be not much, if any better than we have on the line he did view. & that the Northern route is sure to be a 40 Miles Contract. Now if this is the route the Spring Brook Chasm we have always heard of as getting a road to New York for the Broad Gauge. [illegible]

building a Centre only of Tunnel nearly ½ a mile in length. & Dam 4 Mr' distance. on the 1st line seen & adopted by Maj. Merrill on & Mr. B. N.; then going in distance was the principal cause of adopting the Tunnel line' And that the distance from Cresentia, the Water Gap by the Shortest line, as seen and found has always been exaggerated' & that under the best & most favorable circumstances, the saving in distance from Mt. Bond by our line, will be under 20 miles, per day not over ½ not. left than by Free Road! our principal advantage will be in having the best line & lift circulation & that we can beat the Free lift hour from the Bend to N. Y. this we can show now by correct Mathematical Calculation' The line from Hoy to the Water Gap is now last ½ Thus all 75 p. Cent Straight line' & 25 p. Cent Curve - which is a remarkable fine Grade & Country & the Towns & Squares Syracuse & Binghamton! Cincinnatus & Wagon Falls & Buffalo Corning & New York City Railroad Company are all looking with great interest to this line. & confidently expect to have their Passengers carried over it. we are now a shelf left Road. they can go by the line' they are also all highly delighted with the prospect of a direct rail Connection & route to Phila & the South Terminating at Cresentia & the Trenton R.R. - I must further interested in all these lines occasionally & give them all the information I am in possession of relative to those projects East & South of this'

The Water Powers & other valuable Mentioned in Gentlemen on Mr. Bushkill & High Street Works are worthy of Consideration & the policy "Considered" Mr. Merrill is going to run a line to Wind Gap in a few days & I have determined to

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to make different representations of that truth, & in what I can be done I know it will compare with the [illegible] which he has managed'

We should have a meeting of our board soon & consider what has been done. I propose now to call a meeting of the board at the same time we have our Annual Election (early in Nov.) the proper notices will be given in the Papers. In that time if the weather proves favorable the Steel Arm may be applied & Experiments made on the Steel Spar. It is to be hoped the Iron Spar will be performed & put the Iron one in Cockpit. We have no time to lose, in two or three days we will be crowded with business by a Conference here of Mr. & by that time we shall know how the Steel Spar succeeded. I remain with kind wishes to Mrs Stuart & yourself

I expect to go to New York next week; if you should have occasion to call you Mr. Stuart I can be there on Thursday or Friday. I shall be glad to meet you. If I do not see you there can I hope I expect to see you at the Annual Election?

Yours truly the foregoing in great haste & amidst frequent interruptions, I be in time for the steamer, Mark

Mark Hopkins Jun.

Hon. R. C. Winthrop

[illegible] Pa Nov 27. 1852

[illegible] Scranton Esq

Dear Cousin

Your esteemed letter of the [illegible] was duly rec'd. & perused with unbounded satisfaction [illegible] which when it reached here [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] We thank you sincerely for your kind & esteemed remembrance to Father, as well as for the offer of [illegible] assistance in carrying out the long letter of profession

I have a deed of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the deed is I have not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Grand Mother [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be held in the Town [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Father [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fully [illegible] Now I [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Deed of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will execute to him a life [illegible] of the [illegible] which will embrace also the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by me [illegible] [illegible] the latter property, it will perfect the title [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by right of possession I think it is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I took the Deed, if [illegible] [illegible] belong to Father [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a Consideration the annual payment of $100. for your Father during his life [illegible] in the case [illegible] Father [illegible] [illegible] a lot of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ago [illegible] have not [illegible] at hand, [illegible] [illegible] they amounted to $[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I presume that with the interest they will be able to meet! whether they do not so. If they are disposed we wish to pay them I wd like you to look down with Dalton, make a strict search of all he owes, with interest calculated up to 1st June? 53. & send it to us & point to that date we will place you in funds to discharge them!

The rent to Mr Robertson has been received from Mitchell the receiver, since it is his, & not to pay it over except post the double amount & hereby authorise you to pay Compound interest on portion of the debt that may be paid & regard in this matter by making him allowance for his expenses interest &c wd like you to discuss on this matter! & wd further say as the debt is the largest item of the Chatham, does not want the principal sum & wd be willing to let the mortgage remain for the present by receiving all the back interest, & with a fair prospect of the interest being punctually kept up & that I wd prefer to have it remain!

The small debt Lewis that Mr Bedwell has we will consider on. I thd be happy to accommodate him & think perhaps we had rather learn that matter would be come to Montreal!

We shall be pleased to hear you do that the papers are correctly & legally made & perhaps to learn more with you until the final settlement & pay most of the debts!

We are all in the enjoyment of good health here! I expect to go to New York next week & I hope may meet you there!

With our kind regards to you & yours

I am very Truly Yr friend & Cousin

Wm Dennistoun

Scranton Pa Nov 24/1891

Mr Fred Coy
Brooklyn Pa

Dear Sir

Yours of the 24th inst
was duly rec'd & in reply I
say that I had supposed Co Hanson
had been to see you in reference to the
damage you refer to, you have certainly been
very patient and an entire stranger to the thanks of the
Co for the good will you have manifested towards
them. I will see that you damage is looked
into at once. I will also see that you receive
the Coal sent that you want. You did
not say what kind of coal you want
whether lump or prepared (Stove size)
Please drop a line to Jno J Stevens
Agt at this place saying what kind you will
have & your order will receive attention

Yours
J J Stevens

Worcester Mass. Nov 27, 1832

Mr Thos. Cary

Inclosed is the Treasurer's Notes of Mr. Zeb Nourse's

Dear Sir, I have received your letter relating to Mr. Nourse's

Notes. I have delivered to Mr Thos. Nourse the Notes

you refer to, upon receiving from him a receipt

for them. I have also received of Mr Thos. Nourse

the Notes of Mr Zeb Nourse mentioned in your letter

Hitherto Mr Thos. Nourse has paid the interest

punctually. Mr Zeb Nourse's Notes are

not due at present. Mr Thos. Nourse

tells me that you have written him

that you wish the Notes of Zeb Nourse

delivered to you or your order. I shall

deliver them to you or your order whenever

you direct. I am Dear Sir, Yours respectfully

Thos. Nourse

Mr Thos. Nourse

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Office Nat. R. R. Co.
Scranton Pa. Dec 1st

Mr. D. Cheney, Canandaigua

Dear Sir

I expected to have been at your place ere this but my health has not been able to get out yet. I have no doubt if you Canandaigua people will pay their freights at 13c per ton per mile I can secure them some 100 or 200 tons coal for November & December (perhaps longer remarks on other roads) the Country is thronged with people at Cayuga Creek loads &c. as thick as they can drive cheapest. How are you getting along with the cars? We hear from you. How do you like the Pittston coal? I am coming at Christmas to my house & would be pleased with some of your company. I send you a letter of Mr. Dickinson's some time ago which must have been lost. Shall be pleased to hear from you.

Very respectfully yours
A. S. Gillespie
Pres't

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Off. of [illegible] R.R. Co

Scranton Pa Dec 2 [illegible]

Messrs [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] NY

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[illegible] according to you [illegible] looking to [illegible] of our [illegible] the Car, "*flat*" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by some mistake [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] your orders [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] please [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all the [illegible] to Scranton & Platt [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible] If you have any [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] you can send it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cars also [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the No of cars &c [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
Engd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Store	[illegible]	[illegible]

Total [illegible] [illegible] every [illegible] [illegible]

I understand Scranton & Platt say they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about the [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]

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Office [illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Esq. [illegible]

Sir

Your favour of the 20 [illegible] duly rec[illegible] & before [illegible] received [illegible] acquainted about the [illegible] difficulty the road labour has been for want of a full supply of water to keep the lamps, but the uncommon dry season on the borders of the canal seems to change for the long 20 years past & it is hoped may not again be the case. I have expected for the last 20 years. I consider myself that a proper compensation can be shaped with them of the Mountains for the delivery of your crop of produce in a early day. We were offers the shipment of 18th. [illegible] early boat spring & return at [illegible] regular rates. Hence will always be able by the towers spring boats [illegible] arriving before it freezes.

We have always desired our [illegible] to be [illegible] & the trifle [illegible] for [illegible] if it be the case we have seen an offer [illegible] Bank of the Ohio 14[illegible] miles & [illegible] on the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] who [illegible] the same [illegible] themselves it would [illegible] more [illegible] prefer the same at the additional price [illegible] that will be [illegible] improvement the

coming season — you will find it an excellent article for your furnace

Very respectfully yours
Jos. C. Wright
for the Sec'y

Office of Rich'd & Hud. R.R. Co
Syracuse Sept. 1, 1852

Dr. A. Kelsey, Rochester,

Sir:

Your favor of the 26th was received Serantom in due duly rec'd. he left yesterday for New York & had no time to reply before leaving. his time being more than fully occupied I fear you would write you on his return my own impression is you would find him home end of next week or beginning of the other

I was in the Hotel last evening & found your furnace throwing up a good deal of heat, no doubt considerable of an improvement could be effected by increasing the size of the register as you suggest

We can get any thing in the R.R. Journal you may desire & will do so do write please in particular any thing connected with the Shed,

Respectfully yours
Jos. C. Wright
for the Sec'y

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Office of Lack. & W. R. R. Co
Scranton Dec. 1 1857

Gentlemen

We have fixed the following prices as our
coal adding 25 per ton to prices as allowed last
winter to the trade & intended as a protection to
such as may be buy to sell again —

	Lump	Egg	Stove	Nut
Kirkwood	3.12½	3.37½	3.37½	3.12½
Union	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.00
Campville	3.62½	3.87½	3.87½	3.62½
× Waverly	3.75	4.00	4.00	3.75
Corning	4.37½	4.62½	4.62½	4.37½
Hornellsville	5.25	5.50	5.50	5.25
Belvidere	6.00	6.25	6.25	6.00
Cuba	6.25	6.50	6.50	6.25
Olean	6.62½	6.87½	6.87½	6.62½
Dunkirk	8.00	8.25	8.25	8.00
× Jefferson	4.40	4.65	4.65	4.40
× Penn Yan	4.75	5.00	5.00	4.75
Susquehanna	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.00
Deposit	3.62½	3.87½	3.87½	3.62½
Hancock	3.85	4.10	4.10	3.85
Stockport	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.00
Equinunk	4.25	4.50	4.50	4.25
Callicoon	4.50	4.75	4.75	4.50
Cochecton	4.50	4.75	4.75	4.50

Office Lack. & W. R.R. Co
Scranton Dec 21 1862

Alex. Baldwin Esq Elmira
Sir

How are you getting along with our New Coal - we shall be under necessity of stopping our breaker in say a fortnight or ten days & shall especially be short for my boats you will therefore do well to have a full supply to carry you safely through - we feel that we have for Coal at your place entirely as good as B.D. per Nett ton or $4 gross - we charge Cost of the Pine so that at $4.50 a ton nett for lump it has been suggested to me several times to have the price at your place up - can you stand a small advance say $3.50 on nett for lump & Extra on broken & Screens -

We directed you in my last to forward to Scranton & Plate say two Blossburg Coal, it is much needed -

Respectfully yours
Jos. A. Hughes
for the Cont. Agt

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Scranton Pa Dec. 14. 1852

R. Sprague Esq. Pres.
P. & M.

I enclose the following Acct. for Coal

Sales. in Nov.

Nov. 30.	Bennett & Lake	2 Mo.	1895. 19
" 14.	Isaac Parker.	Sight.	4000. 00
" 30.	R. R. Patterson.	3 Mo.	1009. 60
"	L. R. Spaulding	5. days.	453 71
"	G. W. Morgan	5. days	241. 74
"	C. S. Mallory	"	278. 92
"	Deane & Co.	"	246. 75
"	Ewing & Co.	"	310. 12
"	E. & T. Mackey & Co	30 days.	3927. 97
"	Kennett Stat.	3 Mo.	3254. 75
"	Geo Dakin.	3 Mo.	2652. 20
"	Harris & Kennan	3. Mo.	186. 99
			$ 18.040. 94

Mr Arthur Sprague, with Pratt go with me to Athens tomorrow (Thursday). They can be at the appointed hour, Meadville very busy. Matters now here I believe satisfactorily. Copies of the drafts are always ready for your perusal.

Yours Scranton Jr. Hon.

Office of W. R. & Co.
Georgetown Dec 12 1842

Mr. Charles Cox
Dear Sir,

I have this day drawn on you at sight for $1400.00 in aid of Capt. Ross' to your which please have the goodness to honor on presentation.

I cannot now determine at what time I can best meet you at Wheeling. I am inclined to think however that it will be down after your return from Washington City. Early arrangements should be made for next year's business. We have resolved to build 20 Boats at Shoon & all Company to take their trade for the Coal Trade. Mr Williams is now negotiating with Boat Builders. We must during the winter again alter our plan & differently from heretofore to the best advantage. I shall hope to meet you next month when we will talk this matter over. I think you & we will be able to take our opponents Coal trade, or a portion. Next year's profits to take the Eastern Coal in the trade.

On the 1st Jan. our interest becomes due on our R. R. Bonds. I wish you to do all you can for us by that time. I hope your sister will be more hearty during this month. We will talk over the subject of Commission when we meet.

Very Resp. Y. Yours &c

W. H. Stevenson Jr & Co

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Office L M R R Co
Scranton Dec 16th 1852

Mess Parkhurst & Salter.

Gent.

I have drawn on you at 2 mo
Nov 30th for $1498.17/100 being for

476 6/20 Tons Lump Coal at 2.61 $1241.50
75 7/20 " Pea Coal " 2.90 219.59
1461.92
Nov. Interest 17.27

Del. at Binghamton i. Nov. $1498.19

Should the drafts be presented
I shall take it for your accommodation & make
some satisfactory arrangement for crediting you with
a larger amt. of Coal next season.

In the mean time
I am very Resp.
Your ob Svt

Geo. W. Scranton Supt

not knowing at this time how the forthcoming
O/c of the Mines, we will settle the same at any
time

Truly
Yours J. Mulligan

Office of Clerk & M. R. R. Co
Scranton Pa Dec 15/52

Mr M M Scott Esq &c
Dear Sir

Enclosed please find C. McKenney & Co note dated at Mo for $295.16 in lieu of Z. Tiles & Co's note on account of Mauch Chunk

$295.16

a bum sample fare late last evening — the Co starts for Ithaca this A.M.

Yours
Jos. G. Williams
per Th. Foster

Office Erie R.R. Co., Secretary's
Cleve 20th 1852

Wm Scott, Esq
Treasurer &c

Sir,

I hereby certify that
Forty eight hundred and forty seven dollars
($4847) has been rec'd by the Executive Committee on Friday of last week
(Feb 13) mark: Fifty seven hundred dollars
(5700) has been rec'd on the 16th inst in the same manner

Respectfully yours
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Dear Sir

In your letter I infer that you would like
to see yourself. If so I shall make
it convenient. I say this in kindness
I do not see as many people in
my business, as a book maker
is supposed. My idea is after I
know from the field I have you by dear
forwarding a plan as possible, my
[illegible] of consideration of you for —
[illegible] If any idea
[illegible]

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Yours
[illegible] Stevens

Gaoler has a man here for a crime
Pillory &c. respectfully I remain Sir Your
Obedt. Servt. Jas. Stewart Sheriff

P.S. No one has been from me, Mr.
E. Thomas was asked, & I am sure he
is Mary. Pray do not a letter from Mr.
E. T. stating that he has still intimate
Shd. at Stella when he was informed the
Gen. Government had made large grants
of Gov. lands. — I must close as
the P.M. is standing before me, Lady
Gore & Mr. Stewart to take the Mail.

Please hark to believe me

Very Truly Yours
Jas. Stewart

[illegible] Jack. M. Kt. & Co
[illegible]

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Owego N.Y.

[illegible] the end of [illegible]
of [illegible] having resigned Mr. Hallowell [illegible]
been appointed in his stead, you will therefore
make all communications & remittances hence
excepting all business appertaining to the [illegible]
business to the undersigned

By order of the Gen.l Ag.t
Jr. Ansel Wright

Office of Lack. R.R. Co.
Scranton Pa. Dec. 1852

W. S. Jones Esq. Agt
Tunkhannock Station

Dear Sir

Mr. W. Scott Sperry of our Co. having resigned & Mr. H. Jones having been appointed in his stead you will therefore make all remittances & communications to him. Excepting all matters appertaining to the real business of the undersigned

By order of the Gen. Agt
R. W. Sellers

Office of Lack. R.R. Co.
Scranton Dec.

Daniel Oakley Esq.
Oakley Station

Dear Sir

Mr. Wm. S. Sperry of our Company having resigned, and Mr. H. Jones having been appointed in his stead, you will therefore make all remittances & communications to him. Excepting all matters appertaining to the real business to the undersigned

By Order of the Gen. Agt
R. W. Sellers

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Office of Lackw. H. R. R. Co.
Scranton Pa
Dec. 21/52

Messrs. Van Syckel & Ely Esqs.
Elmira N. Y.

Gentlemen

Mr. Noah Sherwood Chief Clerk of this Co having resigned & Mr. Wm. S. Lewis having been appointed in his stead you will therefore make all remittances & communications herein — & generally all matters of business connected with the undersigned

By order of the Genl Agt
per Jas. S. Albright

Office of Lackw. H. R. R. Co.
Scranton Pa Dec. 21 1852

A. Louis Lay Esq. Agt
Binghamton N. Y.

Mr. Noah S. Sherwood chief Clerk of our Co having resigned, and Mr. Wm. S. Lewis having been appointed in his stead, you will therefore make all remittances, communications & to him generally all coal business to the undersigned

By order of the Genl Agt
per Jas. S. Albright

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Office of Lack^a & W. R. R. Co
Scranton Pa. Dec. 21/52

A. H. Morse Esq. Agt
Montrose

Sir

Mr Chas. Sherrard Chief Clerk of this Co having resigned Mr Wm. H. Jones has been appointed in his stead, you are therefore requested to make all communications and remittances to him excepting all matters appertaining to the Coal business to the undersigned

By order of the Genl Agt
per Chas. Sherrard

Office of Lack^a & W. R. R. Co
Scranton Pa. Dec. 21/52

O. B. Stone Esq. Agt
Great Bend Pa.

Mr Chas. Sherrard chief clerk of this Co having resigned & Mr Wm. H. Jones having been appointed in his stead you are therefore requested to make all communications & remittances to him, excepting all business appertaining to the Coal matters to the undersigned

By order of the Genl Agt
per Chas. Sherrard

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Office of Lack. & W. R. R. Co.
Scranton Pa. Dec. 28 1852

J. H. Comstock Esq. Agt
Montrose Station

Dear Sir

Mr. Jas. J. Sherrerd Agt. Clerk of this Co. having resigned and Mr. Wm. H. Seals having been appointed in his stead you will therefore make all communications, & remittances to him. Excepting all matters appertaining to the Coal business to the undersigned

By order of the Board
per Jos. C. Albright

the sorrow I have felt for the loss of those whom I had reason to b
were my friends — I say I regret that the delay of this settlem
placed it thus out of our power to do him the pleasure of sma
with the "Court & jury" to decide upon his rights.

But the reason as well as the power of thus deciding the
idea removed & it now becomes a plain business question b
the Estate & the Company — to be of course settled with fairne
Estate: but there cannot be of course the same reason for wa
matter now the subject of special liberality.

I have paid Mr Summers an account $250.00:
I have, with the aid of Col Scranton, estimated the real damage
and at five hundred Dollars.

Anxious, however, & particularly so, not to have any t
trouble or proceeding in this case, I am authorized to offer 800
(sd) as a compensation in full — payable upon the execution of
and the matter, according to your wishes, may be amicably adj

Will you do me the favour to write me your views. If we a
to agree: papers can be exchanged through a special agent, I can
for that purpose: or if necessary you may come here to close th
as it is probable I shall be able to leave my house durin
winter.

Respectfully yrs
H. W. Nicholson

Copy of Letter—

Waverly Pa Decr 18. 1852

Mr R.L. Sutphin, Montrose

Dear Sir

I was authorized some four weeks since to correspond with you in reference to the right of way through the lands of the late Estate of Calvin Summers decd. This I have not yet done; in consequence of ill health — my labours, more pressing than this matter, being too burdensome for my enfeebled system to carry along — except at a very slow pace. I now proceed to answer your letter of 16 Decr

The railroad passes through lands of Calvin Summers 53 perches; and nearly a level grade: & the only single principle upon which the right of way & its attendant damages are to be estimated, is this — "How much are the pieces through which the road passes, injured now & prospectively considered, by reason of the RRd: — in other words — how much is the market value of the land crossed by the RRd: depreciated by the RRd: on account of its passing through said lands instead for instance, of passing through the same valley, but not over these lands?" This is my view of the legal principle involved in the present case.

It had often been the subject of consultation between Col. Scranton & myself, during the lifetime of our highly valued & much esteemed friend, Uncle Calvin Summers & his excellent wife, Mrs Summers, that, in settling that right of way, considering the constant kindness & attention bestowed upon us, we would relax all ordinary rules & permit Mr Summers to appraise his own damages, provided we could agree upon the general basis of that estimate: we would pay just his own price. But his own clearness & goodness of disposition passed the settlement from time to time: until the hand of Death, of a recent sorrowful dispensation, has removed them both from the field of their never ceasing labor & care. I regret aside from

Allegheny [illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Sutphin;
Dear Sir;

[illegible] your [illegible]
the road to the Right of way through the lands of the [illegible]
[illegible] labor, [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]
The rational [illegible] of such [illegible] damages [illegible]
principle upon which the right of way and whatever damages [illegible]
[illegible] through which the road passes, [illegible]
by reason of the R.R.—in other words—how much is the market value of the [illegible]
by the R.R. depreciated by the R.R. on account of its passing through said [illegible]
of passing through the same valley but not over these lands." [illegible]
principle involved in the present case.

It had often been the subject of consultation between Col. [illegible] and myself, [illegible]
[illegible] of our [illegible] valued [illegible] friends, [illegible]
[illegible] that, in [illegible] of way, considering the constant [illegible]
[illegible] all ordinary [illegible]
[illegible] damages, provided we could agree upon [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] the track of [illegible]
[illegible] the field of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I regret [illegible]
[illegible] our power to do [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of deciding the matter, [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. R. A. Hutchins:

Sir:

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Office L. & W. R. R. Co.

Scranton 22 Dec. 1857

Edwd. S. Phelps Esq. Pres.

Dear Sir

Your extended favor of the 15th is noticed with interest. I am now confined to my house with a severe sore throat & stiff neck. Cold & illness unfits me to reply fully to your letter. We have given Mssrs Meyer & Thomas $2000, the money, which with what they have will enable them to pay their men. Mr Meyer says they can go till next month without pay. & as we are in arrears to 1 st. for the last 2 mts. & their men being in want of funds for Christmas, it was deemed best to pay them the funds last week. Mr Thomas seems to think it very important that the Tunnel men be paid. so we have arranged to help them to do it.

The Tunnel Estimate we will forward to you as soon as made ca. mo. We will add to abt. $3000, for this.

Mr Saml Sherrard has just handed in the figures showing that $27.353.18. will be required to pay up every Claim to Dec. 1st. Mr Sherrard leaves the Paymaster with this week. in fact he has not considered that he held the Office, prior the 1st Dec. he is going in with Mssrs Meacham, Peckham & others in the Coal mining Company. Mr Albright will take the matter in hand & we will at the earliest moment send you a Statement showing to whom the $27.353.18 is due. if we can get up one to the 1st I think we shall go on better after that.

I will try to write you further tomorrow.

Very Truly Your Ob. Geo. W. Scranton

Office L. V. R. R. Co
Scranton Dec 27th 1852

Geo. Sprague Esq. Treas
Lyons Co.

Enclosed please find the following
Disp. on acct of Coal sales, from the Office at Albany

Hudson & Bost	Dec. 23rd	3 mos	$1193:01
Oil Mfg Co	"	30 days	179. 12
Morris & Co	18.	5 "	739. 61
Ale Sings - Brewery	23.	3 "	77. 05.
Liberty Hall - Hotel	"	3 "	573. 35.
Friction Matches	"	4 mo.	652. 97.
Jos. Bragg & Co. Coffee House		3 "	288. 67
			$3658 .15

Mr Albright leaves this morning on a collecting tour
we have received the Enclosed abt $2,000. due us for Coal.
Exclusive of Parties of Buffalo & River of Syracuse!

Mr Parker writes that he is selling very little Coal, the
City pr of Soft Coal Remains & operates against us by
advertising the Price! will not be able to keep up Sales
pr Sam? on 20.

Will Mr Scott please send me the names of the present
Directors in L. V. R. R. Co. The annual Election takes place next
Monday week all our other just Stockholders be here! Off not our
Mr, dead Prop! I hope that all necessary arrangements will
be made in good time! I know that a Dividend hope will be
declared, but our stock pressing now! Truly yours &c &c

Geo. Scranton Sec'y

Scranton Dec 28. 1852

Jeffersonville Ind

Dear Sir

I have just rec^d from New York the enclosed notice of Protest, by which you will see that the Shipping refused acceptance of the draft you made last; which after my letter I think, strange of the Phillips, has a poor Opinion of the S. & always has contended we had a trick to getting him cheated. If you are correct & clear as to the two orders viz. &c. & if so by you & the Phillips, to the boatman & have his letter in order to show for them when he is decidedly a mean man! Now I write you to take the letter & go Straight to Southport & wait there Shortening until you get a settlement & you pay you can then off the 35$ if the recovery & get a receipt I want to get him with him as soon as possible but keep perfectly Cool & talk Cool all the time. When he sends a boat keep you with an order for Coal with the new time & tell them we will allow delays to begin

If I thought he intended now to cheat us out of the money, I w^d recommend the Humphrey going with you he w^d know what comes to take in Law & otherwise be of service to you. I W^d feel badly to have this left after being warned by the Phillips about the man. You can talk with the Dr about going with you.

Yours Truly

Scranton Dec 29

Worcester Dec. 16 1842

Allen Parker Esq.
Dear Sir,

Your note of the 24th ult. has just come to hand. I wish I could meet you in N.Y. I have drawn on you for proceeds, thro' my friend Smith in N.Y. & told them you would be there when they wrote & think I ought to you to call at your Office No 45 Wall St. and receipt the draft & that I would then be become acquainted with you & you with them & talk Coal with you &c. do they take Effect yet? please write me when you will be in New York on your return for Washington, & I may arrange to meet you there. I have been confined to my house to days with low fever &c. please accept the draft & oblige me & Coal &c. & much Oblige

Your Obt Svt

Geo. W. Worcester Jr.

Allen Parker Esq.
care Saml. Cooper 120. Broadway N.Y.

2000 Dolls

Office Lackawanna & Western R.R.
Ithaca N.Y. Dec 28th 1852

At sight please pay to the order of R. Sprague Esq. Treas. Two Thousand Dollars for value rec. and charge Coal acct as advised.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt.
G. W. Scranton Pres't L&W

To Alden Trustee Esq.
Buffalo N.Y.

Alden Trustee Esq. Buffalo

Dec. 28. 1852

Dear Sir

Your favor of yesterday in first inst. speaking of a letter rec'd while I was at Albany. Claiming that we had made an overcharge for coal from Mr. Sprague's creditors & that the difference of $67.50 in his favor had been given, & been (which was true) & that on 1 lot Coal 2 extra was charged, all of which neither accounts from the dep't the 67.50 was p'd to the d. on a/c of fol. & delivered to his dep't. He did not get it, & said he had done the dep't wrong & was ready to make it right. I made speaking account the dep't & drew on the L. at sight for the 67.50 & the dep't for the coal. but the fire was right as I stated he was by that time satisfied as the d. had explained to him by letter &c. I am now waiting to see L. to go right & settle & settle the matter & get the difficulty done as I am quite dissatisfied with the speculating course. He will not get a cent from me & dead matter off hand without accompliance.

Parties wanting to day that he will give us for 12 to 1500. tons B. & that

dreary for Stone which I have done & Everton heavier! please
have to the Springs & regret extraordinary of this & Tales
for the Everlasting dust as Sotten as my Coals! (Mem. Memorandum & add)
Mr Parker will be in Bear Street on Thursday. I shall
make him there to call at 46. & accept & pay the bill &
I hope you both will take with him some old Coals!
he is quite in the Coal business but is good & pay his debts.
I have still always intended to get him to take a partner
from the Sheffield Spring (Mark I know) who has had 18 yr
Experience in the Coal trade, a fine sober, active, honest
intelligent & worthy man. who w^d have all Derbyshire going
on Mr Parker's. the first year he was there!

I presume the Postage you refer to has come. I will see
to the Morning! My Throat, head & inflammation is better
& hope to go out to morrow! please have a little fire made
with Parker & will no doubt pay Tuesday for all & the
rest!

Yours Sincerely
Geo. W. Lorraine Senr

Have you rec^d the Settlement with Cok & Co?
— Mr. Wm. Lorraine & Clarke's approval!

Hamilton Sept 30 1852

Mr H Scott &c &c

Dr Sir.

The Package containing £ 4849.17 McCrae drafts & bills last evening: they are acceptable to you & in answer to the letter I sent you a few days ago. "a few more of them but with that to depend on"

Yours very truly

J McLerans &c

Office L. M. R. R. Co.
Scranton Pa. Jan 5 1859.

Arthur S. Phillips, Esq. Sec.

Dr. Sir.

Your notice of the 31st ult. is received with more than usual interest and satisfaction. I shall feel greatly relieved to get our liabilities all paid off by the 1st. The Supt. Thomas has been absent for a week. He is now at work, making out the statement in detail of Balances due at date: there balances were then a long list of Pay rolls back to last April! We shall know this week whether Mr. Thomas is to go to work with the Contractors Books or not. I have S. nothing to hear yet in the dispatch in the mean time he is expressing a thousand signs of repentance & unanimously at being out of employment! If he would do so conduct himself right. No one is so capable of taking up those Books as he is & we have however been constantly on the lookout for a good man to take the Books. We doubt Mr. Clark can get along with the office business. Mr. Allright returned Saturday night from his collecting tour & we will commit by Mr. Blair Thomas, Mr. Stone, Mr. & Clark! Warren has resigned his situation & goes to New York to study for the profession of Surgery. C. we can get along without it. Hoping under my well

The Secretary came home last week & delivered his [illegible] I had written him that they should be there a little [illegible] to 1st Jan: Mr. Allright had the Coal Books with him.

So I shall be down again next week. After we make
some additional use will inform you & have the Plans
[illegible] matter will still strengthen' - we shall have no
more death after in the Mine or any body else hereafter
we are really improving in our description of Life & Behaviour
throughout &c

I am heartily [illegible] the firm of the Coal Mining Co
[illegible] he is [illegible] keeping the Mines' I am of opinion that
we can get [illegible] that we need next year without any
theft [illegible] Mines. or non respected by the Miners

I shall [illegible] we need the services of the Mining new
year. I [illegible] that his term of Office Captain at the
[illegible] of the [illegible] which I think is March 1st. The Albion
will be Confirmed to look after the general Mining Office
without interfering with his other duties' the Mines are
in Contract Summer. Need no labourers from [illegible] the
[illegible] except the A. & a good Miner & [illegible] &
[illegible] the Coal'

We shall hold the Election at the Agency
[illegible] Esq. for Pub. & Mannings, I am, &c.

Effectly & truly yours [illegible] I will
Close with the Compliments of the Season

Dear Sir, Yours Truly

Wm. McSorley Esq.

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Copy.

Lowerly, Aug. 1850.

Mr K. L. Dufton, New Milford

Dear Sir

I have your favour of 24th ult. received some days since, and remark that we are not likely to agree in a question of the Company's right to pay, through the State of Pennsylvania, the damages sustained by reason of the overflow of your lands. I by leave first to lay before you a short exposition which should be fairly and fairness of all profits arising from your lands.

1st. Point 250 – The portion of the farm we have injured is on the Creek side of the Canal portion: Cut off entirely from the remainder, partly by the Creek, of course, therefore the damages you sustain, which the Company is bound to pay, have been only sustained by keeping those parts which are literally from the rest of the farm: viz: we should pay you the same amount merely, we might pay persons who owned those portions from the Lower Land: no other reason a principle should apply to the case: it would obviate all difficulty. I propose to agree with you upon this point, and offer to purchase outright all the land on that side of the Creek, we will take it at and estimate – pay the money down, state it to the 250 already paid as compensation for such of the damages you may have accrued, be the same more or less.

I would like to have your answer this before we do anything towards this arrangement. Our case with the Commissioners is yet unsettled: no agreement in reference to wanted on the adjustment of compensation, that case, with yours, can be also settled, if I feel sure of being able to make arrangements. I am not prepared to say that the Company would, in any event, incur such an expense for your accommodation.

Very respectfully yours

M. P. Richardson

Office L H R R Co
Scranton Jan. 4. 1852

C. Sprague & Son
Gent

Please find Enclosed Memo.

Dec. 28.	Geo Baker.	dft. 3 mos	$2250.15
" 23.	A. V. Pulsifer	note. 60 day	2495.97
Jan 1.	D. Mc Kinney & Co.	1. mo	1764.87
Jan 1.	Baldwin & Post	30. days.	600.00
Dec 30.	Payne & Olcott.	30 "	486.74
	Geo Baker' Chk.		126.97
	D. Cheney		700.00
	A. Berry (Certificate)		150.00
	Cash.		813.00
			$9390:70

Mr Albright thinks A. V. Pulsifer is perfectly good. he will pay his note in Albany funds. by giving him 10 days notice if we say so'

Capt Baker. states that "Allen. of Mocanaqua owes him is honest & indebtedness' he wants 4 mos. he has taken Mostly Lump Coal which depreciates against him some' If any other disposition or change in either of these two claims is made, let please advise me. I wd. like to keep if it was my own transaction without hesitation'

I do not hear from Lippincott in reference to Spanishing Deposit! Mr. Smith will send off $650 to day.

Please acknowledge receipt of the above also of the two last remittances & Much Obliged for your kindness

Yrs W Scranton Treas.

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1853

Off of Lack & Wes. R.R. Co

Scranton Pa Jany 6. 1853

Canandaigua & Elmira R.R. Co

in a/c with Lack & W. R.R. Co.

1852 Nov 4	By freight coal per Jeffers & Lee			
	per Elkhany	62900 lbs.	23. 1. 2. 12 lb	
12.	do.	38700 "	15. 18. 3. 0.	
13.	do	22200 "	9. 18. 0. 24.	
19.	do.	210700 "	95. 3. 0. 4.	
Dec 16.	R Hart	190000 "	86. 0. 0. 3.	
			Cr 235. 6. 2. 15 lb	
			a 9½	$211.79

Wm G. Lapham Esq

Supt. Dear Sir

Above please find a/c for coal freight due you on your road up to 1st Inst. which hope will find correct. and enclosed will find an order on Mr Elkhany for the amount say Two hundred and Eleven Two Dollars, being in full of said a/c. please acknowledge receipt of same, and oblige

Yours very Respectfully

Wm A Hughes

a/c

Scranton Pa

Jany 6/53

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Off of Lack. R. R. Co.
Scranton Pa. Aug 8/85

Mr. C. McKinney & Co
Binghamton
Gent.

We are just in receipt of a letter from our Sec. at New York, of Aug 4th stating that your draft dated that day from Lafayette $2157.[illegible] payable at the Hanover Bank has been refused payment. We hope it has been attended to ere this.

Very respectfully yours
Lee & Scranton
Gen'l Agt
per C. H. Blanchard

Off. of Lack. R. R. Co.
Scranton
Aug 8/85

Mr. Baldwin & Pool
Elmira
N.Y.

Gent.

Enclosed please find $3 bill rec'd from you - broken bk. please send us another in place -

Yours truly
C. H. Blanchard
for the Sec'y

[illegible]

Office Lackawanna R.R. Co
Scranton Jany 11/53.

Geo Downs Esq
Seneca Falls N.Y.

Sir

Your favor of the 25th
ult is duly rec'd & I have no doubt
Scranton Lackawanna will in a short time
be able to hear you complain of our
treatment particularly as the Col says he
with you contrary to his instructions in
not giving you your coal at the same price as
you any more than to any one else except
dealers, & hopes when you take a sober 2d
thought you will not complain. The coal may
perhaps not be quite so nice as some you
had before but we have sold thousands of
of the same kind for a ready market &
you have the cargo separate from your other
coal, we have no hyperbolic having it burn
in our hands & we think we can come out
& deep respect to advantage to the Co. Our Co
are disposed to do nothing but what is just and
honorable & thus we shall have no trouble about
this cargo of Coal. We are now selling at a more
splendid article of Anthracite coal than ever
smelting alloy is equal to any coal
overtaken next year we can & hope to please you

Truly Yours &c

[illegible]

Stratford Jany 10 1815

Mr M Leod Esq Sol

My Dear Sir,

Now my time is
say that Mr Gilbert forwarded me
£ 100 Rd the 1st of the month
with $1,000 by the Dept & Esq by $1,000
he is now here & desires me to say he
$1000 may be drawn for on the
at the same time

Very truly Your
Obedient Servt
Ph S Ridgely

1889

Office of Lake S. R. & Co

Cleveland O. Aug 12th 1889

Mesrs Baldwin & Post

Elmira

Lake S. R. & Co

In Coal shipd 11th Inst 10 Cars

Car No. 438.	4	Ton	Yard	Nut
272.	4	8		
335.	5	3		Lump
192.	4	16		
198.	5	2		Foundry
44.	5	3		
69.	5	4		
127.	5	0		
36.	5	7		
270.	4	16		
			30 12	car @ $4 $122.40
			49. 6.	$192.52.

Mesrs Baldwin & Post

Elmira

Gentlemen

Above please find bill of Coal and
oblige yours truly which hope will please

Truly yours

Wm. A. Hughes

Agt

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Office of Lackaw. R.R. Co.
Scranton Pa
Jany 11. 1853

Roswell Sprague Esq.
Dear Sir
Inclosed please
find two Thousand six hundred and
ninety four 48/100 Dollars for
Coal Sales at Ithaca $2694.48
also add $3. for Surveying
Ret. rec.d of Wm Babcock Pay 3.00
$2697.48

Truly yours
Geo. S. Griggs
for C. W. Scranton

Mr L. B Salisbury

1853 To Cash paid sundry bills
January 11 By Cash on Pay Roll $24.37
" Freeman & Platt Mill 31.38
" " " $13506 39.02
" 3455 ties 3½c } 169.92
1400 " 3½ }
4855
16 Cords Wood 25c 26.20
Sal. & Co. Lumber a/c 120.99
Cash pd 16.34 13.45
Sal. & Co. bill Sundries 184.53
L.B.S. " " 127.86
due on Plank road — 369.57
L.B.S. 16 Cords $25 — 400
J. & Co. Wood a/c 850 —
L.B.S. do — 192.25
2013.05

Dr use of tools on the road $30.00
" Coal a/c 1454.24
$1480.24
due L.B.S. & others 532.81
$2013.05

Bal due L.B.S. & Co. $532.81
Percentage Jany. $50.

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Office of Lake & M. R. R. Co
Sandusky Sept 15th

Mr Thos S. Brooks
Waverly N.Y.

Dear Lake & M. R. R. Co
for Coal shipd 11th inst per Pt Huron
Cars 351 – 4th quality

117t.	5 : 0 :		qty qnt p 2.50 p 2.50
35 ty.	4 : 13 :	Stove	
5 ty.	5 : 4 :		
71 :	4 : 18 :	x q Egg	
522	5 : 8	Egg.	20th Sent p 4. 16. 60
6 cars			29. 12.
			$116.24

T. S. Brooks – Waverly N.Y.

Sir:

We have received your statement of the
cars Coal sent you yesterday which boat is a total
surprise to us, in ordering Coal please confine to the names
mentioned you on hand at Waverly. Our Stove size are more
in the other sizes we hope to improve very much shortly
the lines are again get our breakers under way, we have
now stopped for the purpose of completing the tunnel
but we sell at price of Rump & very good size for Stove
Nut altogether in my mind

Very Respectfully yours
Thos. M. Gillespie Agt

Chancery Lane
July 21 1843

Wm H. Hunt Esq
43 Mecklenburgh
Square

Dear Sir

[illegible] I have [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

We thought by about [illegible]
an immediate settlement of
the [illegible] but it is my impression that it
[illegible] should

Yours truly
Geo. S. Hunt

[illegible]

now as much about your going to Buffalo

We want Mr Albright here & Cummings & [illegible] [illegible]
make one we do not like him to be here. Therefore we desire to
[illegible] one or 2 of them [illegible] place at B. My thought was
[illegible] to you first between I desired if possible to benefit you
giving you a better situation. You have not so much
[illegible] & experience in Oak as I wish you had, but you
[illegible] every thing else that is requisite & can soon learn the [illegible]
[illegible] in the bottle &c &c. wd [illegible] possibly posit your refs as to the
General management of our affairs at B. & the occasion
[illegible] you a visit at B. I think you wd have little or no
difficulty in getting along. We want to [illegible] a business
[illegible] we think proper & it might turn out to be a good [illegible]
for you to go there. At all events you wd not be made
worse off by it. If you are inclined to go we will pay
you $1000 for your salary for one year and provided that
any change shd be made after that time appears, we will
provide for you. It will be my pleasure to render you any
aid in the way of attainments that I can. If you shd
conclude to go, immediate arrangement shd be made to get
some one to take your place. Cd not get [illegible] (Edmund)
as we wd know much of his family's qualities for such office and
he is correct & every way right. [illegible] always [illegible] [illegible]
as a friend. Please let me hear from you by return [illegible]
in answer to this proposition.

The other matters in your pay [illegible] [illegible]
will receive attention in time as the answer [illegible]
[illegible] going to Buffalo
I am truly & truly yours

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Office S. L. & M. R. R. Co
Sacramento May 31. 1859

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Office [illegible]

[illegible] May 29. 1813

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Office J. L. Mellen R. R. Co
Sacramento May 31. 1853

C. Morrison Esq.
Dear Sir

Yours of the 25th is received
the draft in place of October 1850 was for December
[illegible]. The [illegible] cost is here. I will see that it
is forwarded to you. The draft you furnished is here
still unpaid & being issued. I think you will like our
[illegible] Mellen thinks they are pretty crack.
I offered a man for the bottom they took it
[illegible] to his giving to Stoffale as you say he is
good [illegible] & honest. He is a Nephew of the
[illegible] family of E & Mellen also E told me that
he is worthy of any place of trust & responsibility
[illegible] have been with us 4 years.
Upon the question relative to right of way on the
[illegible] I think it should be carried out. Altho
the regard of the Mellen Man will be very small
that by according I hand down for Sacramento to the
[illegible] for the [illegible] to the main crossing but think
[illegible] to be [illegible] probably.
I don't to see you soon before my [illegible] is settled
in the old [illegible] also keep you [illegible] on the main
crossing [illegible] they have [illegible] any [illegible]
[illegible] for Sacramento [illegible] "the Wyckoff
[illegible] & is [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] & Wife [illegible]
Yours Sacramento [illegible]

Madagascar Iron Works

Scranton Pa. May 31 1850

Rob[t] S. Buchanan
Esq. Treas. R. R. &c

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you Mr Stevens letter in relation to the Iron Beams. I have just returned home & find that the bottom of the Beams you sent to the Ohio River, has not been cut as we expected. We will try to keep them & have it forwarded by Express after the Examiner shall have been made. Please write us

Most respt

Yours &c

Stevens & Platt

Charleston S.C. May 31. 1813

[illegible]

[illegible]

I left at the Letter Houses a Letter
[illegible] a Trunk from Boston, with 3 ft long, flat sides in
[illegible] I was told in the Town where the Coach
[illegible] $1.50. It is a new fashioned & genuine one by
the [illegible] of Blackstone. My Trunk is as a Sample, with a
request that you [illegible] & purchase & send
[illegible] quantity. It is [illegible] in Width, Nine V. with 6 in height
[illegible] of [illegible] in Width. I wish, the day to get it & send
[illegible] by [illegible] if it is but just another [illegible] at the
[illegible] price. [illegible] will Oblige, a large
[illegible] [illegible] per [illegible] & [illegible] Trunk & Checks [illegible]
[illegible] Trunk!

I may [illegible] request that I am unable to get
[illegible] from the Watchmaker. I have [illegible] to Service
[illegible] the [illegible] & [illegible] his Service [illegible]
[illegible] Company & leads Boston for [illegible]. I [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] proof of [illegible]
[illegible] Commit [illegible] proof in Work. I am [illegible]
[illegible] to get a [illegible] [illegible] all the [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Yours [illegible]

My Dear Sir, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Pa May 31 1813

[illegible] Mr J. [illegible]
Dear Sir

Your [illegible] favor is received. I [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] relative to [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]. Mr [illegible] informed me of this Matter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] right of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to matter on the Road [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the matter you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in reference to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Concerning our purchase of [illegible] I [illegible] that you will see to the Settlement [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] right. I [illegible] like [illegible] to hear from you [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] from Pettee (Original) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible]. If you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] right [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] I [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the other Claims [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

With best wishes to you [illegible]
I am Truly Your Servant

[illegible]

Scranton Pa. May 31. 1853

J. D. Phillips Esq
Dear Sir

I would like you to write to Mr [illegible] — many other first rate Contractors [illegible] to our [illegible], we think the work can be [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] good & highly [illegible] [illegible]. I do not know where [illegible] is — or I would write to him. Can you not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible], we have a matter [illegible] [illegible] to talk over with you (a [illegible] [illegible]) [illegible] I want to talk with you all the [illegible].

[illegible] & very truly
Yours [illegible]
G. W. Scranton

Scranton May 31. 1853

Architect Esq.
Dear Sir

She shall then commence the
tunnel from here to the Water Gap. She with will
let on the 15th June. We must necessarily occupy
Gap now lands of the Penna Co & Co. I regret
that our crossing shd occur at the foot of one of
the planes that we are about 13 feet above the tracks
of the Penna Co road I think it can be so arranged
as not to interfere. The line comes very near the
South Shaft which I presume you have noticed
if that shaft cd be moved, it might be better for all
we should be pleased to have permission to enter upon
your lands at once for purpose of clearing it
Will you have the good nap to bring this
matter before your board at the earliest
moment & inform me of their decision.

I sincerely regret your recent injury &
hope you will not long suffer from it. I was
to day told you were walking about your
room & doing as well as cd be expected

Very truly Your friend

Geo H Scranton

Office [illegible]
Grantham June 5 1853

[illegible]

Sir

[illegible] I have now in
[illegible] the gradient of the
[illegible] the
[illegible] the
[illegible] to be [illegible]
[illegible] the line or part in red. The [illegible]
[illegible] Mr Bunch [illegible]
[illegible] way. I could
hand you any profile of the line. You can see
the profile here & make [illegible] also. The line is [illegible]
[illegible] – the stations marked [illegible]
[illegible]

With regard to the Wells [illegible] I do not know what to say. Although [illegible]
[illegible] of my [illegible] has the [illegible]
[illegible] I know no doubt you can [illegible]
[illegible]

Hoping to see you here, & [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] which you wish [illegible]

I am very Truly Yours [illegible]
[illegible]

Office Del. & Hdsn. Canal Co.
Scranton Pa. June 3rd 1853

Trace
Transition 110
Hoy may be

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you specifications, proposals for the grading &c of the Transition & [illegible] of our Road from Rhinebeck to the Delaware River. The work will be let on the 13th June inst. in Small Sections. The work is generally heavy, [illegible] graded for a double track, & should be ready for the tracks in all 14 mos. Will be paid for in Cash principally. Will you Come or Send a Competent person to make a Bargain or prize some one in a bargain on Mon.

Hurry you up &c &c

Geo. H. Sorrow Pres.

Office Dale Lindsay 17 Mar 1[illegible]
R. G. Scrivener Esq. June 8 [illegible]

Sir

I send herewith the above
Specification [illegible] for the proposed [illegible]
[illegible] road from [illegible] to the [illegible]
[illegible] 1[illegible] 1[illegible] to be let in Section of 10 [illegible]
Lots [illegible] the [illegible] to be paid for in Cash [illegible]
[illegible] is proposed being, & of a good [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] a Contractor & to be proceeded for in
[illegible] Course, [illegible] 1[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible]
look at the [illegible] in a [illegible] for a [illegible] [illegible]
I [illegible] be pleased to [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]
to have [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] road, & if you
[illegible] I shall be [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
Referring to [illegible] you have [illegible]
I am [illegible]
Your [illegible] & [illegible]

Wm. M. Scrivener Esq.

Office S. L. & M. R. R. Co

Secretary's Office 4th 1853

Capt C. McKenney U.S.
Fort

Sir, for some time I have had to leave to apply. I wrote to the Colonel first. I will work hard by steam power & work. Make you fully by the steam boat. I cannot begin the passage, he dark the most mountain the passage there. but if we can do it forcibly it is the pleasant to do so. The Williams steps are finished in Boston. I will work you fully on Monday. in safety you last.

Very truly yours

[illegible]

Scranton Pa. June 4 1859

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Office Sec. Lack. & Western R.R.
Scranton Pa. 1853

[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith a copy of specifications. The work will be let on the 15th inst. in sections of 1 mile each. Length of road 60 miles. General character of the work [illegible] will be grades for double track. [illegible] all the 300 & Cambria [illegible] the work is generally heavy. The line is carefully staked & [illegible] Money and of cash & [illegible] If you will go over the line & be prepared to bid. Payment will be made in cash promptly. Will you have the goodness to inform me by return of your intention, & if [illegible] specifications, [illegible] & [illegible] Yours truly, & obt. Svt.

[illegible] Secretary [illegible]

Ella M. Morrison

Scranton June 6th 1858

Geo. Sanderson
Engineer &c &c

My dear Sir

I enclose herein Copy of Specifications & Proposals for the grading Masonry & Bridging on the Eastern Division of the Delaware & Susquehanna & Western R.R. about 60 Miles. The road will be graded for a double track. The work is general heavy & of the character claimed by Contractors. Payments will be made Monthly in Cash. The work will be let in sections of 6 miles each. Plans Maps, Profiles &c can be seen here of the whole line. Will you come down & look at the work & find us a bed. if Some is more than you need take a footrule & pocket with you. I shall be pleased to see you here. The work will be let all. The 18th inst. Proposals must all be in by the 11th Contains if possible.

We must be acknowledged Harrisburg now in a few days to give notice in a week thereafter that application will be made at the next session of the Legislature for a Bank here with a large Capital. Mr J. Phillips suggests that your Father in law, Mayor Jones would probably take an interest in it. Now Mr be pleased if he wd. allow his name to the Commissioners. Will you Contract him & inform me or Mr Phillips that you talked Conversation [illegible] he will allow his

Communicate with Mr Swallow, J. D. Phelps
Esq & Messrs. Mr. C. Reynolds
Mr Duncan Bedford & Mr Hartley
if a proper character be obtained, no
better location for a good Baker can
be found in Penn?

Perhaps he has you or has from
you seen Jas

Most Resp.
Your obt Sl
Wm Swanton

Springhill, June 6th 1838.

Dear C. W. Sanderson,
Bay Shore, Va.

Your favor of the 4th inst. (Monday) from Columbia, in 200 miles, and I feel much interested, & pleased to the Prince Coal Co. last week, hoping that you were able to commence the opening of our Sub-Alum Section. (Cobb Bed.) I should be happy to receive report of the Company lands of Mon. Co., & respecting Mon. & Doddridge, which I may expect from them in the first instance. I have not a letter this morning from Mon. Prof. Mon. Co. seeing, saying that they have every disposition to accommodate us, & very friendly in their feeling, with regard to my visit of survey. Mon. is to be free, very independent, & I hope, I trust that we shall get along very pleasantly. Why, the Prof. is to be here next week, when we shall go on, & the ground together.

I see your Columbia friend last month relative to the 'Alum Section,' which did not get received. Not letter, I need before a meeting of 50 of our Stockholders in New York, of more or less Coal Lands & depth are by us sold, for which you will please accept my sincere thanks. I trust you will go to work & the example. You can go if you wish. The Cobb Bed, & the Cutting Establishment, I hope, may be found on Alum & find on Alum & the Cobb at the Alum Spring. We shall expect to see you

Ever quite yours very truly & affectionately
[illegible] Mrs Sturmer. It will make your
visit a pleasant one. It is unfortunate that
you have a book at Mrs Quiet's Lady Valley
before you return & I fear that you may
be better pleased about the Tyne & Wansbeck
than with Cockermouth.

Mr Prince Meadowcroft knitted in Meadowcroft
[illegible]

[illegible] Lady [illegible] Miss [illegible]
[illegible] Lady [illegible] Prince

Yours
M. H. Sessington

Office Tel Lines [illegible]
Hamilton Ia. June 7th 1883

My dear [illegible]

Enclosed I send you copy of specification & for the proposed Telephone Mortgage of the Eastern Division of our Road, 80 miles in length: it will be proved by a double board. The track is generally heavy, & of a character to deal Contractors. It will be laid for in sections of 5 miles each & be fixed for in Cash, probably. There will be two tunnels on the line, one 540 ft & one 700 ft long. For the 1st I shall have you look at the line & find me a bid for the work. Plans, Mapp. profile &c can be seen here of the line.

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

Proposals should be sent from & the 15th inst.

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Office Del. Lack. & Western
R.R. Co. Scranton Nov. 7. 1853

The [illegible] Esq. Prest.
Dear Sir

Your esteemed fav. of the 6th is all received. I agree with you as to the [illegible] tranquility & hope we can get matters in a fair [illegible] to finish that [illegible]. It is not a very heavy job but that [illegible] are very hard to get. Every [illegible] that can be found are at work for [illegible] in [illegible] one of our best men can be spared to take hold of this work. We must make [illegible] effort to settle with Mr Wilson he is one of the most unreasonable & [illegible] difficult men to get a settlement on the line. He [illegible] a [illegible] which will cost us. 1500$ to make. It is true he w'd be much better accommodated by [illegible] a [illegible] to get [illegible] to farm [illegible] he w'd have to do [illegible] up the [illegible] the [illegible], he has a large & fine farm [illegible] lying on the [illegible] side of the R.R. [illegible] real damage with the [illegible] w'd not be [illegible] & [illegible] it [illegible] a good [illegible] at [illegible] the damage is not over $1200 he [illegible]. I have [illegible] a good deal of [illegible] in this case & [illegible] to [illegible] of it. [illegible] I think we will [illegible] up the [illegible] & [illegible] the [illegible] but I will [illegible] to the [illegible] & [illegible] of [illegible]

can be done with them.

The arrangements made for transporting the troops and necessary stores, will, I hope, not delay our progress with the Army.

Outstanding our Army is pretty a degree or more due North from Kaw town & others will go down the River. The Brigade of the Guards of Cork, Portsmouth & the Marines & other Corps in the Army this evening.

Col Proctor & Fitzhugh will start in a few days by Land & Secondary the Troops under a good Many good men from whom we hear nothing yet but the prospect for a fine Campaign is daily brightening the daily loss of Deserters at the beginning of Travelling. Col Gramper for Commissioner in the Tuesday a few days to his Delegates with his Staff & Troops in Perfect & Cope the Dragoons

Yours &c &c

W. Sutherland Lieut

Office Del. Lack. & Western R.R.Co.
Scranton Pa June 7 1858

Chief Engineer Lack
Engineering Dept

Sir

The letting of the Carbon dam of these works about two miles in length will take place on the 5th inst. at the prospect house on the line. The R.R. will be opened to Pa for a double track to Pa for an division of 10 miles each. The general character of the work is heavy & of a solid & place a contract this township each 500 ft & 700 ft long on the line. Are there any Yes Rock excavation; the objection & position unfavorable to. Yours truly leading for some time the division. The work is favorable to work. The tunnel & four arches hard will average for 100 & 150 p. I shall think, after I have not examined the matter before and & think positively, prompt Monday Cash payment will be more in & Contractors. Please prepare & come down here. Will you come & examine the work & report in a day? Hoping to see you here

I remain Dear Sir
Yours &c

M. H. Scranton Pres

Office Chief Engr. [illegible]
Albany [illegible]

Capt. Merritt Engr.
Capt. 34th & Chf. B

Sir

The Mill side
S 25 lbs. best Coal, [illegible]
on Iron Bars. [illegible] 2.62½ [illegible]

Very Truly Your [illegible]
[illegible]

P.S. I notice the Iron Co. reply to [illegible]
in reference to preventing the Old Iron [illegible]
R. R. the Cap on Curb on the Old rail last [illegible]
over 100 lbs Cast. All the Old rail Gets. [illegible]
off of the blocks 3 bearings. It is first [illegible]
flat Bar, which is one bearing. Then on the rail [illegible]
which is 2. & then the rail Sects. (13) is [illegible]
1 1/2 inch a flat Bar, which is generally used for [illegible]
bottom. Now with the 10 lbs Curb of the [illegible]
rolled. How do you get the Sect. [illegible]
rail Cost made? Since you were here [illegible]
a [illegible] the wear of the Rail [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] July 4th [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[

[illegible]

[illegible] 1 [illegible] 1 [illegible] 1 [

Office of J. J. & H. H. Ely
Hartford Sept. 1 1848

Dear Sir

I receive herewith a [illegible] sketch of the Geological formation of the coal on the Stuff farm, recently found, & obtained Survey by our Mr. Redfield. The main Bituminous Rock has been found on the farm of Mr. Williams, very near the Stuff farm [illegible] Pa. & Pa. Co. Contains 75 Bituminous [illegible] is very strong. Rock [illegible] Stone is the finest coal for the [illegible] Steamers. Coke & burn little smoke or soot. Now is it not the time for some enterprising Company to secure the coal & so far N. Y. & Seneca Falls? I suppose will cost $50 thousand to secure & [illegible] & Rockaway & probably cheapest [illegible] by the time now Mr. Wm. Ramsdell is out of the Chair a good arrangement & the [illegible] to secure coal & Rockaway. Next time I see Mr. J. J. Phillips, I will show him or Mr. Williams [illegible] Will you have the goodness to enquire who owns it & who now on the Collins line or whether they prefer Sample, or written [illegible]

Most Respy Yours &c

Wm. Seymour Fowler

I [illegible] to [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of 4 flat Cars (2 [illegible] [illegible])
These Cars Came here about the time we [illegible]
were [illegible] by [illegible] they were [illegible] to the
cars [illegible] from [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] them [illegible] to [illegible] R.R. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
them here [illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them to [illegible]! [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & he [illegible] [illegible]
to me to [illegible] pay for the Cars! I suppose
we [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] pay for the Cars.
[illegible] [illegible] the matter & inform me [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Colonization Soc. No. 3

Elisha Ayres Esq
Newark N.J.

Sir

We have rec^d notice of forfeiture of the Colonization Soc. of 1.50. due July 1. by memorandum of that date given to us. Yours payable at the Office of Phelps Dodge & Co New York. We will let the funds with Mr Mc Shall here which is place then to meet the payt of the Note. We presume that our memorandum was incorrect but hope he will that the Agent has Granted when the funds have been at Mal the funds is paid. We shall very present when the Money arrangement for the funds. Very truly yours & Hopes you will bring the note & Mr Mc Shall here or to us we will pay the same.

Very Respy Yours &c

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sorrento July 5 1873

Mr Reginald Foster
Clifton Springs
Ontario Co. N.Y.

Mr Scott begs to
acknowledge your letter of the 17th ult. which he
received. I beg to say in reference to the
matter, that he has not so much as
a claim into the country proposed by you whom
he knows and did not think any liberty
of or the proposition. He becomes one of our
hands full. Was obliged in postponing to the
age including in it was decidedly to the disadvantage
he of the Mass. a most excellent property
of large dimensions. & Corporation & would
of: he saying that he is at present interested
from matter of your consideration. We think that
would be the company of carrying his attention to
your place or determine his location of
same contributions for the Mission. The respective
rate are known for you from all our claims of you
or the be pleased to know you could come
the Mass. has been obtained in a large
Oakland on the Rockwood & Pittsburgh R.R. that
with & Dungeon in the Dem. Company. It stands the
matter to you for you & the Mission of you
& would favorable of the Office.

Trust hope you will see
Mr Scott

Chicago Aug 1 1864

Capt James Campbell
Pres. M.C. Chicago
Capt Jno McG

Sir:

The Company's Steamer leaving from Chicago to Ottawa put in at this Port Saturday for repairs & repairs on Sat. hand. [illegible] Company's State. [illegible] Balance [illegible] R.R. 34 mi. Lake alt 40 mi) [illegible] for the [illegible] service [illegible] performed. [illegible] of 2000 lb [illegible] Service they [illegible] [illegible] Lake [illegible] from 10 [illegible] 10 [illegible] Port. [illegible] Department. for Carrying the Mail [illegible] Company, by the Lake route. [illegible] the Lake [illegible] made [illegible] the Mail [illegible] made to [illegible] Mail [illegible] was by me. Having [illegible] Contract & a [illegible] for keeping [illegible] Lake Open [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] last 3 [illegible] [illegible] I am not at [illegible] Port of the Co. [illegible] no [illegible] interested in it. I am a Director [illegible] in it. I [illegible] [illegible] performed the Service [illegible] the Lake [illegible] [illegible] addressed to me from the 2d Assistant Post Master General [illegible] Rate of Service 144. I notice [illegible] Office [illegible] Mile for the whole route 70 mi.' [illegible] too small. [illegible] perform the Service on the R.R. ([illegible] 34 mi.) [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Executive Office July 5 1833

My dear Sir

I have just received your letter of the 1st inst. and shall be happy to see you at Buffalo tomorrow. I shall not expect a very long visit from you, altho I should like to have a good deal. I have written a hasty letter which is herewith enclosed to the Post Master in Newark, the nature of which will be seen. It is not worth while to write to me. I have no doubt of your success. Just if you think proper [illegible] Commissioner of Indian Affairs there he may have [illegible] I shall be pleased [illegible] made to me by the department if [illegible] below what is rec.d by other Cs for the service, since Cs are to be paid through the service [illegible] indulate it at the price offered.

We are now expect to come North expecting we shall leave [illegible] the light of Upper Canada [illegible] Mr. Allen & Mr. Rufus have just returned from [illegible] where they have been spending the 4th, they report everything flourishing there. The road from there to [illegible] is now [illegible] Cleveland. I think I shall be able to go from here to New York & to Phil.a in 48 hours & Washington City in another of a day.

We are in full glory under our new Charter. The [illegible] & every one of our adherents except your friend S.S. Prof. perfectly satisfying with the Society. [illegible] was a fierce [illegible] on the [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] Society is by [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Office D. L. & Western R.R. Co.
Scranton July 6 1853

Geo. D. Phelps, Esq. Pres.
Dear Sir.

Mr Dodge wrote me to meet him at Buffalo this evening. I had calculated to go westward this morning. I now see that it is out of order for me to leave home now. The Contractors are commencing on. & they all want to see & know help & understandings at the commencement of the work. & we have a regular force to arrange immediately. Masons are being engaged. & ground will be broke positively by the 20th. Wheelbarrows & tools are being sent along the line! I have my hands full just now & dont know any thing yet of Malone & Co. Have they sent the contract to you executed yet. I know from you. that they may back out but hope not. Mr Ed. Mc is with them now!

Mr Allbright will go to B. to day & say to Moseley. the Pine Brook Company cannot get along without our Coal. & the Hemlock Coal Company will also use it. but we have been partially bridled altogether at B. I expect Mr Randolph here this evening. & hope he will decide to go to B. If so we can know more at least than we shall be able to do now. Our Coal to better advantage.

In haste for the mail

Yours truly &c

W. Scranton Jr.

Sevenoaks July 7. 1818

Sir Jno Phillips Bart

Dear Sir

Your of the 2d is received. You will see by my letter in Chancery & Your of the 29th I have received this morning from Mr Pitt all respecting Mr Lane's letter & Mr Pitt's letter appears to be a Mere Schemer. Still I say, that it is our best interest to get Schools of Chad Sevenoaks. & Mr? Gray to do if he does not by 1 October we have got to have a very large number of Schools for the Next 2 years & then Mr? Gray can undertake, & Mr? to Bid our Town depend on a Staffly defence by a Commutee Chancellor. I go for a Male School & Mr Lane after Christmas Mistress in what the best, he will be Sensible Still Write You all Mr. I am not Alone in my Views all Very Independent Will of 32 in

I think the Town Managers & Staffly the Most Chad Legacy for our Town & Free Of Masters — Mr Tilsley assured Most people when gone out on the Crier & Jaspar for London Brewers &c. that Men for Malone &c. get Hoper Clark &c &c make Commons Nice Roads

I am Sorry to be Back for an Answer also Very Civil

Most Respectfully Yours &c

Jno Sevenoaks Junr Esq

Up. [illegible] 27th [illegible]

Gentlemen

Your [illegible] favour [illegible] has been duly received, I am [illegible] to [illegible] adequate Expression to my Appreciation of [illegible] and kindness which [illegible] you and your associates thus to tender me the [illegible] of which I also acknowledge

The humble services I have rendered in the conception and prosecution of the public improvements to which you allude have amply been rewarded by the [illegible] — and a new debt to by the token of regard from friends who have been foremost in the enterprise and whilst my name has been connected and withal whose counsels, [illegible] generous personal confidence nothing could have been more gratefully accepted!

Accept for yourselves & associates my thanks for your splendid gift [illegible] either expressed in your accompanying [illegible] and believe me to remain

Yours [illegible]

Wm. Mc Dougall
Orville Mellen
Thos. Sylvester

P.S. [illegible] you for [illegible] to

G. W. [illegible]